Resolution 38-1

Resolution concerning Regional Energy Markets

WHEREAS, the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) have shown continued interest in the development of energy policies with regard to expanding clean energy supply and trade while strengthening the economy and maximizing the overall environmental benefits for the region; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP continues to support opportunities for the expansion of clean energy consistent with providing customers with reliable electric service at the lowest societal cost over the long term consistent with environmental objectives; and

WHEREAS, the changes in energy resource technologies and global energy resource markets are now affecting the energy production and distribution networks serving the New England States and Eastern Canadian Provinces; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast International Committee on Energy (NICE) has monitored and acted upon energy concerns in the New England and Eastern Canadian region since 1978; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP has recognized that these changes in the global energy landscape affect policy development in the region and wants to act upon understanding and containing the possible impacts and also seize opportunities emerging from these changes; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP is committed to collaborate in addressing these changes and their significance and to pursue solutions by exploring how to deal with this fast-paced energy landscape evolution; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP shares the view that stakeholders that are affected by these energy changes can contribute significantly in better understand these changes and help identify collaborative initiatives to address shared impacts and seize common opportunities;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT NICE will organize a Regional Forum in late 2014 for a public-private sector dialogue on the ongoing changes in the energy landscape in the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NICE will use the findings from the Regional Forum to identify strong collaborative actions to put in place and will report to the governors and premiers at the 2015 NEG/ECP Conference on these findings and proposed actions.

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