

## **RESOLUTION 32-4**

### ***RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENERGY***

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**WHEREAS** the NEG/ECP established in 2001 short-, mid- and long-term Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission targets and the jurisdictions in the region are also subject to various local, regional and national goals with respect to GHG emissions; and

**WHEREAS** most of the states and provinces forming the NEG/ECP conference are currently heavily reliant on hydrocarbon-based electricity generation; and

**WHEREAS** this reliance contributes to the price volatility of energy commodities; and

**WHEREAS** this volatility is detrimental to our citizens and to all sectors of the economy; and

**WHEREAS** individual states and provinces can implement regulations and policies that lead to a better use of existing or upcoming renewable energy sources within the region; and

**WHEREAS** individual states and provinces can implement regulation and policies in a regional perspective to further develop the region's renewable energy sources and enhance the region's energy independence.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governors and Premiers reiterate their goals to facilitate climate change mitigation by energy efficiency and conservation measures and greater use of renewable energy sources within the region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that for the benefit of our citizens and of all sectors of the economy, the Governors and Premiers aim to help reduce the volatility of electricity prices over the whole region, both in the short and in the long term; and

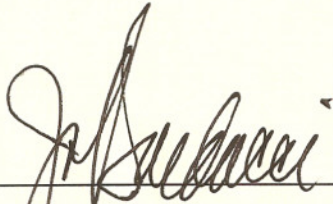
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governors and Premiers direct the Northeast International Committee on Energy (NICE) to continue to work on the directives contained in Resolution 31-1 with greater emphasis on how to better use existing and upcoming renewable energy sources within the region as a way to rapidly enhance the region's energy independence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governors and Premiers direct the NICE to find ways to further develop and use the region's renewable energy sources in order to enhance the region's long-term energy independence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governors and Premiers direct the NICE to monitor and encourage the progress of the region's electric system balancing authorities in their pursuit of actions to accelerate the integration of variable electric generating resources such as wind, solar, tidal, and wave power; and

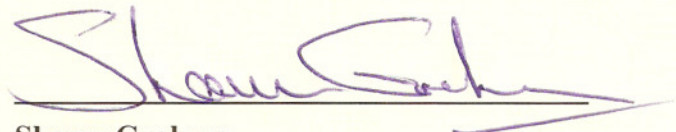
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governors and Premiers support coordination of power system analyses across the region where applicable so as to inform the region's review of economic and reliable renewable and low-emissions resource opportunities.

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