



RESOLUTION 33-4

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP has already committed to significantly improve energy efficiency as part of its commitment to meeting regional greenhouse gas emissions targets; and,

WHEREAS, energy use in buildings for electricity, space and water heating, and energy use in commercial and industrial applications constitutes a large share of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Eastern Canadian Provinces and New England States; and,

WHEREAS, improving energy efficiency and reducing energy use in buildings and commercial and industrial applications is a primary means for reducing GHG emissions; and,


WHEREAS energy efficiency can greatly reduce GHG and criteria pollutant emissions cost-effectively, while reducing energy bills for consumers and businesses, and creating jobs in efficiency-related industries; and,

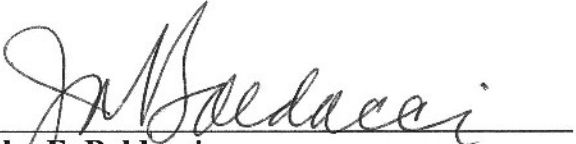
WHEREAS many of the Eastern Canadian Provinces and New England States are leaders in North America in developing and implementing energy efficiency programs on a large scale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP urges its members to implement policies that maximize energy efficiency by removing financial disincentives to electric and gas utility investments in efficiency that might exist; adopt progressive building codes; establish building energy performance benchmarks and labeling, pursue smart grid technology; and fund all cost-effective efficiency programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP urges the federal governments of Canada and the United States to promote and fund all cost-effective energy efficiency in federal policies and programs to address climate change, such as the various elements of existing and proposed 'cap and trade' systems.

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