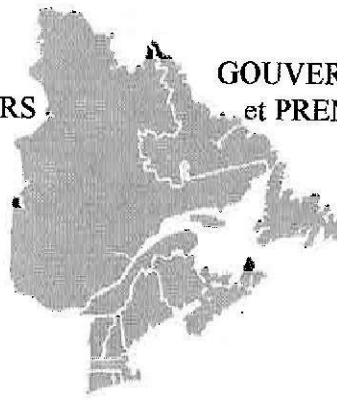


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RESOLUTION 29-2

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENERGY

WHEREAS, the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers has historically worked to promote reliable, secure and cost-effective energy supplies for the region; and

WHEREAS, the New England states and Eastern Canadian provinces have close historical and economic ties in the energy sector and have, in the past, cooperated on energy matters; and

WHEREAS, the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers wish to reinforce and expand their cooperative efforts on energy matters; and

WHEREAS, energy, including natural gas, is a fundamental component to the future prosperity and overall competitiveness of the region; and

WHEREAS, natural gas is anticipated to continue to represent significant energy demand growth in the region over the next five to ten years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the region's supply options and delivery infrastructure for natural gas will be required to meet growing natural gas demand in the region on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the need for reliable and economic solutions to natural gas supply issues can effectively be resolved through joint regional planning and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast International Committee on Energy was established in 1978 to monitor and act upon common energy issues, including natural gas developments and resource and infrastructure development, in the northeast region.

