



RESOLUTION 45-1

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION

WHEREAS, the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers adopted during the 44th annual conference in 2023 a statement reaffirming the region's commitment to cross-border collaboration and establishing shared priorities for the green economy relating to economic development and energy adequacy, including energy independence and the transition to affordable, clean, and renewable energy;

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction throughout the region has ambitious goals of diversifying their energy supplies in order to create a resilient system;

WHEREAS, in recent years, extreme temperatures and global conflicts have contributed to high energy costs for consumers;

WHEREAS, high energy costs affect consumers and economic competitiveness across the region, and taking appropriate steps to promote energy affordability is a high priority for the region;

WHEREAS, diversifying energy supplies through the transition to clean energy sources and complementary storage resources, will help lower prices through new low-cost supply, promote energy independence, and provide environmental benefits;

WHEREAS, a strong regional clean energy and climate tech sector will create jobs and foster a workforce of the future;

WHEREAS, the states and provinces have infrastructure, economic, ecological, historical, cultural, and social connections that bind the region together, and regional planning will ensure those connections are resilient and strong;

WHEREAS, energy sources in the region are interdependent across borders and boundaries, and connected via interregional transmission systems;

WHEREAS, pursuing bidirectional transmission across borders and boundaries provides opportunities to increase resilience and reliability and reduce prices for consumers through a larger marketplace for low-cost clean energy generation;

WHEREAS, regional collaboration offers opportunities for leadership and economic competitiveness and growth;

WHEREAS, in order for offshore wind to provide a significant amount of renewable energy to the region, the industry will require a robust regional supply chain; providing opportunities for economic growth and competitiveness across all jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction is exploring decarbonization solutions for hard-to-decarbonize sectors such as heavy-duty transportation, aviation, and commercial and industrial buildings, and other industrial settings, a priority that was highlighted during the 44th annual conference in 2023 when the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers visited a hydrogen train in Quebec;

WHEREAS, regional collaboration on the pursuit of solutions for hard-to-decarbonize sectors will be critical to successful deployment;

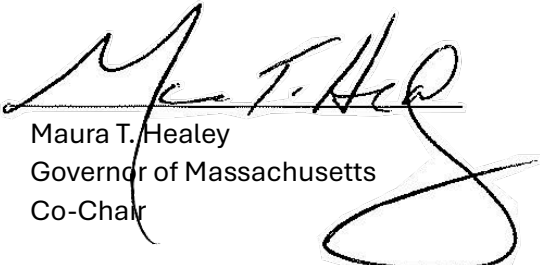
WHEREAS, it is necessary to build infrastructure responsibly, equitably, and in a manner that is protective of our ecosystems, fish and wildlife and biodiversity, and existing natural resource-based industries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the governors and premiers express the importance of encouraging policies that diversify energy supplies, promote energy independence through clean power deployment, enable mutually beneficial and responsible infrastructure development, leverage our collaborative efforts to reduce consumer prices, and achieve a just transition to a clean energy future;

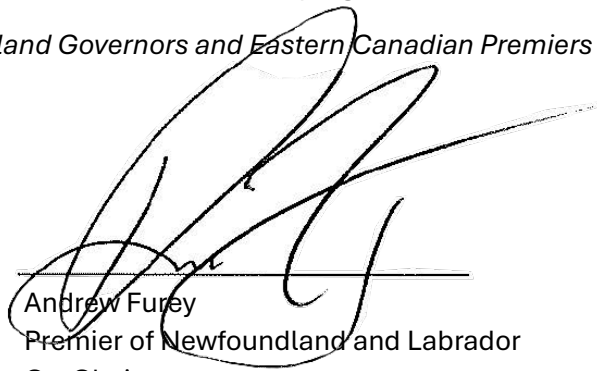
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the governors and premiers request that the Northeast International Committee on Energy (NICE) reconvene, and that the Committee be co-chaired by the co-hosts of this 45th annual NEG-ECP conference, and thereafter co-chaired on a rotating basis by the co-hosts of each subsequent NEG-ECP conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the governors and premiers request that the NICE form working groups as needed to pursue regional collaboration and planning on the topics of transmission, offshore wind supply chain, and hard-to-decarbonize sectors, coordinate as appropriate with the Climate Change Steering Committee, and report back to the Committee on progress in 2025.

Adopted at the 45th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers in Boston, Massachusetts, September 10, 2024.



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