

NEW ENGLAND GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, INC.

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

A Resolution Adopting the Governors' Renewable Energy Blueprint

WHEREAS, the New England states have a long and successful history of leadership and cooperation on such issues as energy, environmental protection and climate change; and

WHEREAS, our region has vast potential for cost-effective renewable resources, particularly wind power, and a proven ability to site transmission projects within the region; and

WHEREAS, the New England Governors recognize the development of local resources would provide greater economic benefits and lower electricity costs for New England's businesses and rate-payers than the import of distant out-of-region resources; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2009 the New England Governors wrote to President Obama and the Congressional leadership proposing a federal-regional partnership to promote the development of renewable resources within New England and to enhance our ability to access additional cost-effective renewable resources from neighboring regions, such as Eastern Canada; and

WHEREAS, the New England State Committee on Electricity (NESCOE), on behalf of the Governors, has conducted an extensive analysis of state policies to promote renewable power development and siting for the New England region, has received technical support from the ISO-New England, Inc. to identify the region's renewable resources and associated transmission infrastructure, and has produced a Governors' Renewable Energy Blueprint; and

WHEREAS, this Blueprint represents the shared interest of the New England Governors for moving forward within our states and in partnership with our federal government to achieve our mutual renewable energy, climate and economic development goals.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New England Governors' Conference, Inc. adopts the Governors' Renewable Energy Blueprint and invites the federal government to work with us to help support our region's cost-effective low-carbon resources including those identified in the Blueprint; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New England Governors commend the NESCOE, as well as other regulatory and energy policy officials engaged in the development of the Blueprint, for their fine work and thank the ISO-New England, Inc. for their Economic Analysis in support of the Blueprint; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New England Governors authorize their regulatory and policy officials to use the Blueprint as a resource to help support development of New England's renewable resources in their public advocacy, rule-making, policy development and other initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New England Governors authorize their regulatory and policy officials to review the availability of renewable resources in the region, including those identified in the Blueprint, and to consider potential mechanisms for the joint or coordinated but separate competitive procurement of renewable resources, and to report the results of such a review to the Governors within the next twelve months.

ADOPTION CERTIFIED BY THE NEW ENGLAND GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, INC. ON September 15, 2009.



John E. Baldacci
Governor of Maine
Chairman