

MACRUC Resolution Supporting a Regional Forum to Develop Common Protocols to Measure, Verify and Report Demand Resource Savings in Collaboration with Northeast States

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WHEREAS, electricity for the contiguous MACRUC states – Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia - is purchased from organized markets where the capacity value of the full range of demand resources (i.e., energy efficiency, demand response and distributed generation) is evolving toward full recognition; *and*

WHEREAS, wholesale electricity markets in which demand resources can participate and be recognized – are evolving for organized markets in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions; *and*

WHEREAS, ensuring the consistency, accessibility and reliability of energy efficiency and other demand resources savings is necessary to support the participation and expansion of demand resources in wholesale electricity markets and regional capacity and transmission system planning; *and*

WHEREAS, tracking the impact of demand-side resources requires uniformity in the measurement and verification and reporting of such resources; *and*

WHEREAS, some Mid-Atlantic states are considering and/or implementing policies that substantially increase investments in energy efficiency and other demand resources to meet energy and environmental goals; *and*

WHEREAS, over \$14 million is spent annually in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast to evaluate, measure and verify demand resources;

WHEREAS, coordinated research and development of protocols to evaluate, measure, verify and track demand resources can reduce the cost to individual states; *and*

WHEREAS, consistency in measuring savings from demand resources will promote its use as a regional resource for electric power, natural gas, and environmental quality; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, that MACRUC supports the establishment of a regional forum in collaboration with Northeast States to develop common protocols to measure, verify and report demand-side savings, and MACRUC recognizes the need to commit resources to guide such a regional forum's activities. The states or utility commissions will individually determine the level of financial support that each will provide to such forum.