

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

WHEREAS, electricity for consumers of all six New England states is purchased from a common wholesale market; *and*

WHEREAS, the pricing of capacity resources within that market is evolving to recognize and include pricing for demand resources (i.e., energy efficiency, demand response and distributed generation); *and*

WHEREAS, similar wholesale electricity markets in which demand resources can participate – or are being integrated into forecasting electricity demand and modeling power pool interchange – are evolving in other power pools in the Northeast region; *and*

WHEREAS, ensuring the consistency, accessibility and reliability of energy efficiency and other demand resources savings impacts is necessary to support the participation and expansion of demand resources in the wholesale electricity markets and the Regional System Planning (RSP) process; *and*

WHEREAS, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) includes the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware, where the states may be allocating a significant portion of carbon allowance proceeds to fund energy efficiency investments in order to help meet the RGGI carbon caps; *and*

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

WHEREAS, most Northeast states are implementing policies to substantially increase investments in energy efficiency and other demand resources to meet additional energy and environmental goals; *and*

WHEREAS, over \$7 million annually is spent on energy efficiency program research and evaluation activities in New England, and \$14 million in the Northeast, coordinated research and evaluation can reduce the cost to individual states for studies with common objectives; *and*

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

RESOLVED, that NECPUC supports the establishment of a regional forum in collaboration with other Northeast states to develop common protocols to measure, verify and report demand resource savings, and NECPUC recognizes the need for committing resources to guide such a regional forum's activities. The New England states or utility commissions will determine the level of financial support that they each will provide to such forum. Should the other Northeast states decline to support this work, NECPUC will reconsider this Resolution.

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