

NECPUC Resolution Reaffirming Support of a Regional Forum to Develop Common Protocols to Measure, Verify and Report Demand Resource Savings in Collaboration with Other Northeast States, Government Agencies, and Non-Government Entities

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 recognizes and includes 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 – continue to evolve 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, Maryland and Delaware, where a number of states are 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 \$20 million annually is spent on energy efficiency program research and evaluation activities in New England, 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 continued work of the Regional Evaluation, Measurement and Verification Forum (“the Forum”), established in 2008, and steered by a committee of New England commissioners and other government agencies in collaboration with other Northeast and mid-Atlantic states to develop common protocols to measure, verify and report demand resource savings, and support state implementation of use of consistent protocols developed by the Forum. NECPUC recognizes the need for committing resources to guide the 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 and Mid-Atlantic states decline to continue supporting this work, NECPUC will reconsider this Resolution.

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(Note: the Original NECPUC resolution was passed in May 2008, and then update in 2012)

***MACRUC Resolution Supporting a Regional Forum to Develop Common
Protocols to Measure, Verify and Report Demand Resource Savings in
Collaboration with Northeast States
Adopted July 30, 2008***

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.