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RESOLUTION 37-1

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENERGY

WHEREAS, the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) has shown continued interest in the development of energy policies with regard to expanding clean energy supply and trade while strengthening the economy and maximizing the overall environmental benefits for the region; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP reiterates support for energy efficiency as a core option in meeting our energy needs; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP Northeast International Committee on Energy (NICE) recognizes that natural gas markets are a critical energy source for electric generation and residential/commercial/industrial uses in the region; that natural gas supply sources within the NEG/ECP region are subject to dynamic global energy resource markets; that New England's increasing reliance on natural gas-fired electric generation poses challenges to electric reliability and diversity of supply sources; and that the New England states are analyzing the costs and benefits of various means available to address natural gas supply and market issues; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP continues to support opportunities for the expansion of clean energy consistent with providing customers with reliable electric service at the lowest societal cost over the long term consistent with environmental objectives; and

WHEREAS, any increased opportunities for clean energy trade in furtherance of environmental objectives must be accompanied by mechanisms to verify clean energy generation sources and their attributes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP affirms its commitment to increasing cost-effective clean energy trade opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP acknowledges that the New England states have undertaken analyses to assess the relative costs and benefits associated with various means to address natural gas market issues and incremental low-carbon energy import opportunities; and recognizes the ongoing leadership of the Eastern Canadian provinces in introducing new clean energy resources for both domestic and export markets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NICE will monitor the New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE) *2013 Natural Gas-Electric Study* and *Hydro Imports Study* and subsequent actions by the New England states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP affirms its support for the NESCOE effort to advance a regionally coordinated competitive procurement process, including effective engagement of the Eastern Canadian provinces, as appropriate, given the parties' potential roles as buyers and sellers in this process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP encourages the provinces to evaluate existing options and opportunities to adopt verification mechanisms of generation sources and environmental attributes that correspond with the existing New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) verification system; and encourages the NICE to facilitate information-sharing in this process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NICE will facilitate information-sharing about the status of emerging and advancing significant low Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emitting energy resources that have the potential to reduce GHG emissions, improve reliability, and support economic goals; and

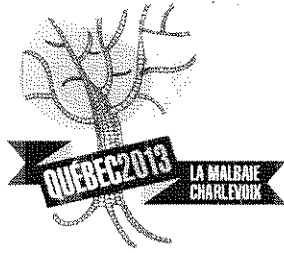
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NICE will work with the CONEG Energy Working Group to find opportunities for further regional collaborative work on sustainable biomass production practices and end use markets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP directs the NICE to work collaboratively with other NEG/ECP committees to accelerate the development and deployment of energy efficiency opportunities regionally.

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RESOLUTION 37-2

RESOLUTION CONCERNING REGIONAL INITIATIVES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

WHEREAS, emerging transportation technologies such as vehicle electrification, the use of natural gas as a fuel, and various technologies designed to enhance the energy efficiency of vehicles and reduce emissions of harmful air pollutants generate significant benefits for users in terms of reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, lower fuel consumption, improved air quality, and at the same time contribute to the region's economic development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the New England governors and Eastern Canadian premiers will lead in promoting the use of alternative fuel vehicles by the private and public sectors in North America, while taking into account the specific contexts in their respective states and provinces; and

WHEREAS, various public and private initiatives have been launched in recent years in New England and Eastern Canada in support of greater use of alternative fuel vehicles for personal and commercial travel; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of these initiatives include encouraging the use of alternative fuel vehicles and technologies, encouraging the deployment of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and alternative fueling stations, and supporting demonstration projects designed to reduce fuel consumption and GHG emissions for personal vehicles and public and private vehicle fleets; and

WHEREAS, alternative fuel vehicles and the supporting charging and refueling stations are an option to move people and goods within and among the region's urban centres and towns; and

WHEREAS, regional collaboration in the area of EV charging stations and alternative fueling stations could facilitate the interoperability of this alternative infrastructure across the region, and thereby encourage greater use of these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, regional cooperation to support the use of alternative fuel vehicles will link the various initiatives being deployed in the region and, ultimately, make it easier for such vehicles to travel throughout the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New England governors and Eastern Canadian premiers will work cooperatively, taking into account the financial and technical capacities and interests of their respective jurisdictions, to support the increased use of alternative fuel vehicles and networks within the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the governors and premiers direct members of the Environment, Energy, and Transportation and Air Quality committees to work together, and with other regional organizations actively engaged in EV recharging and alternative refueling networks to:

- compile an inventory of regional initiatives regarding electric and natural-gas-powered vehicles;
- propose actions aimed at facilitating the interoperability of EV charging and alternative refueling infrastructure; and
- identify road corridors where this type of infrastructure could be deployed, with a view to promoting the use of electric and alternative fuel vehicles and facilitating travel throughout the region for the users of such vehicles.

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RESOLUTION 37-3

RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the New England states and Eastern Canadian provinces are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the region and to exploring opportunities to advance the clean energy economy through investments in clean, efficient, and sustainable transportation; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector, a critical underpinning for the mobility of people and goods and the economic competitiveness of the states and provinces, is a major consumer of fossil fuel resources and the region's dominant source of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, an efficient and sustainable transportation system is critical to the region's ability to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet the regional targets set by governors and premiers; and

WHEREAS, the states and provinces recognize that reduction of greenhouse gas emissions requires actions to enhance vehicle technologies and efficiencies, provide lower-emitting vehicle fuels, and improve overall transportation system efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Fuel Conference co-hosted by the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) and Québec in 2012 demonstrated the best practices, lessons learned, and the environmental, economic and social benefits of the emerging innovation economy of alternative fuel vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the states and provinces are taking a variety of actions, individually and collectively, to educate, demonstrate and encourage greater understanding and adoption of efficient, lower-emitting transportation choices by governments, local authorities, individuals and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT governors and premiers call for advancing the infrastructure and policies, taking into account the financial and technical capacities and interests of their respective jurisdictions, to provide individuals, businesses, local authorities, and governments with transportation choices that will facilitate a more sustainable transportation future, including the use of advanced technology and alternative fuel vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Transportation and Air Quality Committee (TAQC) and its partners will work collaboratively, taking into account the specific circumstances of each jurisdiction, towards achieving a regional five percent fleet market share penetration of alternative fuel vehicles by 2020 and facilitate the availability of refueling stations to support those vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TAQC will provide to governors and premiers at the 2014 NEG/ECP Annual Conference a proposed regional target for enhanced public transportation, biking and walking options for a sustainable transportation system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TAQC will maintain a regional network of expertise on sustainable transportation, greenhouse gas emission mitigation, and air quality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TAQC develop a regional profile of the fleet fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions of light duty vehicles as well as the number of Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles, Battery Electric Vehicles and Natural Gas Vehicles in the states and provinces.

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RESOLUTION 37-4

RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) adopted the NEG/ECP Climate Change Action Plan in 2001, the first ever regional partnership to address climate change, and unanimously agreed on regional greenhouse gas emission targets for 2010, 2020 and 2050; and

WHEREAS, according to the 1990-2011 regional Greenhouse Gas inventory, the NEG/ECP confirms that it has surpassed its 2010 greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction target of reducing the emissions to 1990 levels in 2010; and the region is already almost a third of the way toward its 2020 goal; and

WHEREAS, this objective was achieved while the region's GDP grew by 54% and the population by more than 10% from 1990 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 36-3 directed the Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) to review the regional Climate Change Action Plan and to present a new version at the 37th NEG/ECP Conference; and

WHEREAS, even as the region succeeded in reducing its GHG emissions, recent extreme weather events highlight the fact that the region needs to continue to reduce its GHG emissions and to adapt to climate change extremes, increase public safety and reduce the social and economic costs of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the NEG/ECP recognizes and accepts The Climate Group's award of *Climate Change Leader* for the regional achievements on climate change, presented during the 37th Conference. This represents the second time the region receives such a prestigious distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP recognizes the remarkable achievement needed to surpass the first regional GHG target and commends the fine work of its Climate Change Steering Committee as well as the state and provincial agencies involved in the regional efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP accepts the 2013 Climate Change Action Plan, and tasks the environmental secretaries, commissioners, and ministers to develop a strategic near-term work plan [to be presented to the governors and premiers at or before the 39th NEG/ECP Conference]. The work plan will take into account the evolving knowledge and technologies in this area and will be consistent with the near and long-term regional emission reduction goals.

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RESOLUTION 37-5

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MUTUAL AID IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

WHEREAS, the threat of emergencies and disasters from natural, technology-based and human-induced events is more evident today and has been experienced in many of the jurisdictions within the New England states and the Eastern Canadian provinces and is highlighted in the annual reports provided to the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers; and

WHEREAS, enhanced cooperation and collaboration is particularly important during major events that may threaten the reliability of the regional energy systems that serve the states and provinces; and

WHEREAS, the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) adopted an *International Emergency Management Assistance Compact* (IEMAC) in 1998 which provides for mutual aid assistance among signatory states and provinces for the management of an emergency or a disaster that is affecting member States or Provinces; and

WHEREAS, the International Emergency Management Group (IEMG) was established, through the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (IEMAMOU) in July 2000, to develop and maintain mutual aid arrangements and provide emergency management leadership in mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery activities for the member States and Provinces; and

WHEREAS, IEMG members within their own jurisdictions strive to continually conduct hazard identification and risk assessments, maintain emergency management plans, validate these plans through emergency exercises or response to/recovery from real emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, IEMG members share best practices, adhere to a common incident management system and have available emergency management resources, both human and non-human, to be shared and deployed among IEMG partners; and

WHEREAS, the request for or provision of mutual aid assistance involves complex logistical, legal, financial and administrative components which are amplified because of the US-Canada border; and

WHEREAS, the IEMG has developed and exercised an Operations Manual and within this Operations Manual has defined a process to allow States and Provinces to request and provide mutual aid assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers reaffirm their commitment to provide assistance as necessary to other IEMG member jurisdictions that would require intergovernmental cooperation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers recognizes the importance of the work of the International Emergency Management Group (IEMG) and endorses its continuation; and

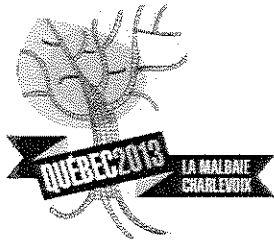
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the International Emergency Management Group (IEMG) will produce a list of the constraints that could hinder cross-border mutual aid assistance between States and Provinces and will make recommendations on how to address these constraints and thus enhance international mutual aid assistance when needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NEG/ECP will ensure the continued use of the existing compact and its complementary mechanisms to strengthen partnerships and exchange of information to achieve the strategic implementation of emergency management systems and the activation of IEMG resources to emergencies or disasters.

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RESOLUTION 37-6

RESOLUTION CONCERNING RAIL TRANSPORT SAFETY

GIVEN the scope of the tragedy that occurred in Lac-Mégantic during the night of July 5 to 6, 2013, caused by the derailment and explosion of a train carrying crude petroleum; and

WHEREAS, the Lac-Mégantic railway accident caused the death of 47 people, major destruction and an environmental disaster; and

WHEREAS, the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers support the population of Lac-Mégantic and all persons directly or indirectly affected by this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, measures to improve railway safety, particularly measures applicable to the transport of hazardous materials, must be adopted without delay in order to prevent future tragedies of this type; and

WHEREAS, the railway systems in the United States and Canada are largely integrated and similar standards govern the transport of hazardous materials in both countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New England governors and Eastern Canadian premiers wish to extend their condolences to and show their solidarity with the families of the victims and the entire Lac-Mégantic population affected by this terrible tragedy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New England governors and Eastern Canadian premiers urge the responsible federal authorities in Canada and the United States to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of railway transport of hazardous materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New England governors and Eastern Canadian premiers undertake to enhance collaboration and the sharing of information and best practices in the area of railway safety, in order to prevent disasters of this type; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the co-chairs of the 37th Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers be asked to provide a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States of America.

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