NEPPA Resolution
Provide Compliance Flexibility in Emissions Reduction Requirements

WHEREAS, scientific evidence points to greenhouse gas emissions from human activity, including the production of electricity, are affecting the Earth's climate in ways that are projected to cause extreme weather events, sea level rise, and human health impacts, and;

Whereas, Congress and the Biden Administration have a strong interest in advancing measures to reduce emissions from the electric sector, and;

Whereas, public power utilities in the Northeast share a commitment to emissions reduction, as evidenced by participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and utility-level carbon reduction measures over the past several decades, and;

Whereas, emissions reduction measures can have a material impact on the cost of electricity for consumers, and;

Whereas, inaction by utilities in other regions has in some instances put them at a competitive advantage in attracting industry, then;

Be it now

RESOLVED, that the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA):

1. Supports efforts to address climate change on an economy-wide basis, recognizing that measures which may directly affect the electric sector may be necessary.
2. Encourages such emissions reduction requirements to be crafted with realistic targets and timelines that take into consideration such things as market rule changes, transmission infrastructure requirements, and reliability needs and to provide utilities with flexibility in compliance measures and credit for early action.
3. Supports inclusion of programs and financial tools to facilitate utilities' emissions reduction and decarbonization projects.
4. Supports federal policies that enhance state- and local-level emissions reduction programs, and supports the need to reform ISO and RTO market design elements that impede the development of non-carbon resources.

A & R Committee voted to recommend 4/8/2021

Board of Directors voted unanimously to support this resolution 8/25/2021