



RESOLUTION #EN2018-01

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED COOPERATION ON REGIONAL 2050
ROADMAP PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference (CSG/ERC) is committed to supporting policies that reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, avoid harmful health impacts of air pollution, and foster job growth and economic development; and

WHEREAS, all CSG/ERC member states, provinces, and territories are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and many are already experiencing such impacts due to their coastal geographical locations and/or the reliance of their local economies on climate-sensitive industries; and

WHEREAS, nearly every member state of CSG/ERC has set stringent greenhouse-gas reduction targets for 2050, and several have established interim reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, research performed by U.S. federal agencies and non-governmental organizations has found that multiple pathways exist to reduce nationwide carbon emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, using existing commercial or near-commercial technologies, at minimal cost to GDP; and

WHEREAS, CSG/ERC member states would benefit from a similar regional roadmap analysis of decarbonization strategies across energy supply and demand sectors; and

WHEREAS, such analyses would take into account the impacts of commercial or near-commercial technologies on all stakeholder groups and on ratepayer affordability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CSG/ERC supports efforts among state and provincial governments to actively cooperate in the assessment of multiple technically and economically viable pathways by which member states and provinces can together, and individually, achieve regional emissions reductions



targets for 2050, while fostering regional job growth and economic development;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSG/ERC recognizes that the identification of a range of such deep decarbonization pathways can enable the identification and development of strategies, policies, and measures through which the region can achieve 2050 targets at least cost, and while maintaining a thriving regional economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of Canada, governors, legislative appointing authorities and minority leaders of the Northeast states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the premiers and speakers of the legislative assemblies of the Eastern Canadian provinces.