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## **Resolve, To Promote Greater Transparency and Accountability through Regional Transmission Organization Reform**

**Sec. 1 Policy promoting regional transmission organization transparency and accountability. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission, the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security and the Office of the Public Advocate shall advocate in all appropriate forums for greater transparency of governance and operations and accountability to consumers of the regional transmission organization affecting consumers of electricity in the State; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Conference with other states' agencies and offices. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission, the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security and the Office of the Public Advocate shall confer, to the greatest extent possible, with each other and with comparable commissions or bodies from one or more of the other New England states regarding the transparency and accountability of the regional transmission organization, and shall develop a plan and act to promote governance transparency and accountability to consumers of the regional transmission organization. The Public Utilities Commission, the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security and the Office of the Public Advocate shall develop model governance requirements for the regional transmission organization, formally propose such model governance requirements to the comparable commissions or bodies in the other New England states and shall examine whether there is agreement on governance transparency and accountability among the various state entities; and be it further

**Sec. 3 Report. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission shall report the results and recommendations under sections 1 and 2 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters in its annual report for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. The committee may submit legislation to the next session of the Legislature based on the report submitted by the commission pursuant to this section.