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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
12 DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A BROAD INVENTORY OF EXISTING STATE  
13 ENERGY POLICIES AND COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE ADMINISTERED  
14 OR ESTABLISHED BY THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
15 DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, THE NEW MEXICO  
16 RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY, THE OFFICE OF THE  
17 STATE ENGINEER, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC  
18 REGULATION COMMISSION AND CURRENT EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

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20 WHEREAS, the New Mexico state government administers many  
21 existing laws and regulations regarding energy production; and

22 WHEREAS, the state government also administers many  
23 incentives intended to stimulate new renewable energy  
24 production; and

25 WHEREAS, the state government also administers a range of

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1 programs intended to encourage or subsidize energy conservation  
2 or efficiency; and

3 WHEREAS, the state has adopted renewable portfolio  
4 standards and other future targets for energy savings; and

5 WHEREAS, there is currently no single compilation of all  
6 these obligations and policies; and

7 WHEREAS, the New Mexico first 2009 statewide town hall  
8 called for the creation of a long-term comprehensive energy  
9 plan for the state; and

10 WHEREAS, any future comprehensive energy planning and  
11 policymaking will require an understanding of existing policies  
12 and commitments;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the energy, minerals and natural  
15 resources department be requested to:

16 A. convene a working group of representatives of  
17 energy-related state offices, including the energy, minerals  
18 and natural resources department, the department of  
19 environment, the New Mexico renewable energy transmission  
20 authority, the office of the state engineer, the economic  
21 development department, the public regulation commission and  
22 the office of the governor, as well as representatives of the  
23 private and nonprofit sectors;

24 B. organize the working group to compile an  
25 inventory of major existing energy policies, targets,

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1 commitments and existing strategic plans;

2 C. develop recommendations for a structure or  
3 process for the potential development of a comprehensive energy  
4 plan, with the recommendations drawing on any successful  
5 planning practices utilized in other states; and

6 D. present the inventory to the appropriate interim  
7 committee of the legislature and make it digitally available to  
8 the public on the department web site by October 2010; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the energy, minerals and  
10 natural resources department be requested to integrate this  
11 effort into the responsibilities of other existing task forces,  
12 working groups or agency activities already underway addressing  
13 related efforts; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the energy, minerals and natural resources  
16 department, the department of environment, the New Mexico  
17 renewable energy transmission authority, the office of the  
18 state engineer, the economic development department, the public  
19 regulation commission, the commissioner of public lands, the  
20 office of the governor, the state's rural electric cooperatives  
21 and the utility companies providing service in New Mexico.