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Resolution ETE-19-04

A RESOLUTION ON GRID MODERNIZATION STORAGE

WHEREAS, energy storage is a critical component of smarter energy infrastructure;

WHEREAS, energy storage, smarter energy infrastructure, and grid modernization enable greater customer choice, improve the efficiency, reliability, and resiliency of the energy grid, and facilitate the integration of more clean energy and distributed energy resources, while maintaining reliability and affordability;

WHEREAS, investments by electric companies to build and operate energy storage and other smarter energy infrastructure support communities for the purpose of creating a better quality of life for citizens;

WHEREAS, investments by electric companies to deploy energy storage technologies and systems and other smarter energy infrastructure contribute to maintaining the reliability of the electric grid and improved operations by electric companies to the benefit of all consumers; and

WHEREAS, National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) recognizes that a smart grid that includes energy storage is one component of a comprehensive effort to creating and maintaining access to clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy options for all consumers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) urges local elected officials to collaborate with regulators, policymakers and stakeholders to develop policies that remove barriers to energy storage and other smarter energy infrastructure deployment and help realize the full economic, environmental, and societal benefits of these resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NBCSL supports a competitive market, where electric companies, businesses, governments, and other stakeholders are able to participate in the owning, leasing, operating, or maintenance of energy storage and other smart energy infrastructure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NBCSL recognizes the crucial role played by electric companies that integrate technology onto the electric grid in deploying smarter energy infrastructure;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NBCSL supports electric company investments in energy storage and other smart energy infrastructure to help ensure all citizens have access to, and may take part in the benefits of, a smarter electric grid, as well as spur innovation and technology deployment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NBCSL, while recognizing that building energy storage and other smarter energy infrastructure will evolve over time and additional principles may emerge, endorses the following foundational principles for the purpose of educating its members and identifying issues of interest to local policymakers, states, the federal government and others: (1) energy storage and other smarter energy infrastructure investments provide benefits to customers and (2) electric companies should be able to invest in energy storage and other smarter energy infrastructure and have a clear path for cost recovery in support of efforts to maximize the opportunities and benefits energy storage and other smarter energy infrastructure may provide society; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NBCSL send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, members of Congress, and other federal and state government officials as appropriate.

SPONSOR: Representative Billy Mitchell (GA)

Committee of Jurisdiction: Energy, Transportation, and Environment Policy Committee

Certified by Committee Chair(s): Representative Billy Mitchell (GA) and Representative Cherrish Pryor (IN)

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