

Sample municipal resolution for NJ communities regarding the 2011 Energy Master Plan Draft

WHEREAS the New Jersey 2011 Draft Energy Master Plan (EMP) aspires to establish a strategic vision for the use, management and development of energy in New Jersey over the next decade; and

WHEREAS the stated goals of the Draft EMP are to manage energy in a way that:

- drives down the cost of energy for all customers;
- promotes a diverse portfolio of new, clean, in-state generation;
- rewards energy efficiency and energy conservation and reduces peak demand;
- capitalizes on emerging technologies for transportation and power production;
- and
- maintains support for renewable energy portfolio standard; and

WHEREAS the Draft EMP states the Administration's commitment to save money, create jobs, protect the environment and mitigate long-term cumulative impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the ____ day of _____, name of town) supports the following changes to the 2011 EMP draft:

- New Jersey should stand strong in its commitment to renewable energy by maintaining the Renewable Portfolio Standard goal established in the 2008 EMP of at least 30% renewable energy by 2020, and should provide adequate funding to continue promoting clean energy for all classes of ratepayers.
- New Jersey should implement a strong, statewide plan to reduce energy demand at least 20% by 2020, and should provide adequate funding to help all classes of ratepayers make homes and buildings more energy efficient.
- New Jersey should continue to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), one of our only tools to tackle air pollution and greenhouse gasses from power plants, and should permanently dedicate RGGI funds to the clean energy projects for which they were originally intended.
- The EMP should include a comprehensive transportation component with specific strategies to reduce emissions by promoting electric vehicles, mass transit, transit-oriented development and other approaches to decreasing vehicle miles travelled.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that (name of town) supports the appropriate siting of renewable energy generation and transmission facilities so that they avoid negative environmental impacts.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this ____ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Council President

Please send a copy of this signed resolution to:

1. Municipality's State assembly representatives
2. Municipality's State senator
3. Municipality's Congressional representative
4. ANJEC, PO box 157, Mendham, NJ 07945