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MMWEC Board adopts resolution on climate change, greenhouse gas emissions

LUDLOW, Mass. – July 12, 2007 – The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) Board of Directors has adopted a resolution urging Congress to create comprehensive legislation to address climate change issues and to incorporate 11 principles in any new policy designed to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

The resolution recognizes that “emission of greenhouse gases, primarily from the combustion of fossil fuels, and the linkage of those emissions to global climate change, is the most significant environmental policy issue confronting the nation.”

Among other things, the resolution states that climate change legislation must consider the financial impact on consumers; be economy-wide and apply to all industry sectors; and consider local, state and regional initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It also states that such legislation should protect the ability of U.S. industries to compete in world markets and ensure that emissions reduction targets are consistent with commercially available technologies to achieve them.

Further, the resolution states that incentives for the development and deployment of renewable and clean energy resources are provided on a comparable basis to all sectors of the electric utility industry, including consumer-owned utilities.

“This resolution recognizes the critical need for action to address climate change issues,” said MMWEC General Manager Glenn O. Steiger. “It also provides legislators and policymakers with guidance on how to address the many issues that are surfacing with proposals to reduce emissions.”

Steiger served on a high-level task force of the American Public Power Association (APPA) that created a resolution identical to the one adopted by the MMWEC board.

MMWEC is applying the resolution’s principles as it participates in the development of Massachusetts regulations for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a coalition of 10 Northeastern states, including Massachusetts, which is seeking to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and other sources.

MMWEC is a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that provides a variety of power supply, financial and other services to the state’s consumer-owned, municipal utilities.