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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
144th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CONVENE A STAKEHOLDERS WORKGROUP TO CONSIDER THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE AND THE DISPOSITION OF REVENUES FROM THE SALE OF CARBON DIOXIDE ALLOWANCES.

1 Whereas, Delaware is an original signatory state to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”), a
2 consortium of 10 northeastern states working together to address climate change, and

3 Whereas, RGGI calls for the development of a program to reduce carbon dioxide (“CO2”) emissions from energy
4 generating facilities utilizing fossil fuels, and

5 Whereas, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Governors of those 10 states calls for the
6 auctioning of CO2 allowances in a market-based setting, thereby raising revenue benefiting the State of Delaware and its
7 citizens, and

8 Whereas, the RGGI MOU requires a certain portion of any revenue raised to be dedicated to public benefit
9 purposes, including investment in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy, and

10 Whereas, Delaware has recently established a Sustainable Energy Utility designed to promote and invest in energy
11 efficiency, conservation and renewable energy,

12 NOW THEREFORE:

13 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the 144th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
14 Representatives concurring therein, that:

15 1. The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control convene a Workgroup
16 consisting of:

- 17 i. A representative of each company in Delaware that owns a fossil fuel-fired electricity generating unit,
18 physically located and operating in Delaware, having a rated capacity equal to or greater than 100
19 megawatts.
- 20 ii. The Chairs of the Senate Energy and Transit Committee and the House Energy and Natural Resources
21 Committee;
- 22 iii. One member of the Delaware Senate appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore;
- 23 iv. One member of the Delaware House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 24 v. Two members of the Sustainable Energy Utility Task Force chosen by its members;
- 25 vi. The Public Advocate; and
- 26 vii. At least three representatives of environmental advocacy organizations.
- 27 2. The Workgroup shall study the RGGI MOU, analyze the actions of other RGGI states, and consider and
28 recommend the best course of action for Delaware, noting particularly the quantity of allowances to be auctioned
29 and the potential for use of any revenue to further the goals of the Sustainable Energy Utility or such other goals
30 the Workgroup may consider and that are consistent with the RGGI MOU.
- 31 3. The Workgroup shall complete its work and report back to the General Assembly by December 31, 2007. Such
32 report shall include proposed legislation that will address whether, and in what amount, allowances should be
33 auctioned and the use of such auction revenues.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution establishes a Workgroup to study how Delaware should address carbon dioxide allowances established under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, including the amount of allowances to be auctioned and where the funding generated from such auctions will be directed.

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