

Resolution Supporting Increased Electric Transmission Infrastructure Investment and Development to Maintain Electric Grid Efficiency and Reliability for a Clean Energy Future

WHEREAS, African American Mayors Association (AAMA) recognizes that an efficient electric grid is an important component of creating and maintaining access to clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy options for all consumers;

WHEREAS, investments in local infrastructure are creating a better quality of life for citizens, providing for the health, safety, and welfare of our communities; and particularly, fixed income, low-income, under-served and minority communities;

WHEREAS, the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) recognizes that electric transmission infrastructure and development are key to transport the clean energy necessary to support renewable energy expansion, to meet growing energy demands, and to maintain reliability;

WHEREAS, the AAMA recognizes that electric transmission infrastructure is the backbone of our nation's energy grid and plays an important role in facilitating a pathway to our clean energy future;

WHEREAS, the electric transmission system enables the delivery of lower cost and clean energy to customers and maintains reliability and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, electric transmission infrastructure investment are needed to maintain the reliability and resilience of the grid against extreme weather conditions and increasing security threats, as well as, meet the demands of customers and facilitate the transition to the clean energy economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the African American Mayors Association (AAMA) will work with policymakers on the local, state, and federal levels to develop policies that facilitate and accelerate increased investment in electric transmission infrastructure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AAMA encourages policies that address barriers to electric transmission infrastructure development to ensure that needed transmission gets built to help the nation achieve a clean energy future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AAMA recognizes the crucial role played by electric energy companies in investing and developing the cost-effective transmission needed to meet local, state and federal clean energy goals, while continuing to provide affordable and reliable electricity for consumers; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, and other federal and state government officials as appropriate.