RESOLUTION OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION

CONCERNING SUPPORT REQUESTED FROM EPA

WHEREAS, the Northeastern United States is faced with a regionwide ozone nonattainment problem; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America, in recognition of the ozone problem in the northeastern United States, created, by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the Ozone Transport Region and established an Ozone Transport Commission to assess the degree of interstate transport of ozone throughout the region and to assess and recommend strategies to ensure that applicable State Implementation Plans provide for attainment; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 impose significant additional air pollution control requirements throughout the ozone transport region including controls on stationary sources of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, all member states and the District of Columbia must retain additional staff to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

whereas, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 create a new national permit program under the provisions of Title V that imposes specific minimum fees on emissions from all stationary sources; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency act expeditiously in the finalization of its permit regulations, in which a fee structure is required, and that the member states and the District of Columbia agree to move as expeditiously as possible to obtain any legislative authority needed to adopt fee requirements for stationary sources to provide for the development of consistent stationary source programs in each state and the District.

FURTHER, that additional 105 grant support is requested during the period in which the states will be developing and implementing their permit programs through 1995.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Federal/State Assignee Program be reestablished as expeditiously as possible to assist the states and District of Columbia in the development and implementation of the Clean Air Act requirements of 1990.

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