RESOLUTION OF THE STATES OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION SUPPORTING EPA IN ITS DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATIONS CONTROLLING EMISSIONS OF OZONE PRECURSORS FROM CONSUMER AND COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS

WHEREAS consumer and commercial solvents represent the source of a significant portion of the area source VOC emission inventory within the Ozone Transport Region; and

WHEREAS, the only practical way to develop such a regulation is for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to do so either nationally or regionally; and

WHEREAS, under Section 183 of the Clean Air Act EPA was to have completed a study by November 15, 1993; and

WHEREAS, based on this study, EPA was to have listed those commercial and consumer products that are responsible for at least 80% of the volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from these products, and to start the development of control regulations on these products; and

WHEREAS, the Ozone Transport Region has ozone nonattainment areas which could be aided in their overall attainment plans with the reduction of such VOC emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act has specific reasonable further progress requirements that consumer solvent regulations could help to meet;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the OTC supports EPA in its development of strong Federal VOC control regulations for consumer and commercial solvents; and

FURTHERMORE, that the OTC asks EPA to put priority on this effort and to develop a schedule for regulatory development no later than September 1994, which would allow the States to maximize their 1999 emission reductions in their November 1994 SIP revision submissions; and

FURTHERMORE, that the OTC commits itself to assist the EPA in their efforts to complete these regulations through submittal of emissions inventory or other relevant technical information.

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