



**RESOLUTION TITLE: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT RECOGNIZING THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF THE CREATION OF A COORDINATED EFFORT BETWEEN GASTON COUNTY AND DOMINION ENERGY NORTH CAROLINA TO DEVELOP AREAS OF COLLABORATION IN SUPPORT OF SHARED ENERGY GOALS**

WHEREAS, Gaston County (the County) is responsible for protecting the public health and safety of its residents, which includes facilitating access to clean air, dependable and affordable energy, clean water and a livable environment; and,

WHEREAS, Dominion Energy NC, a public natural gas utility company regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission, has a responsibility to provide safe, affordable and reliable natural gas service to its customers by means and at rates that are fair, just and reasonable as determined by the NCUC and in accordance with its North Carolina Tariff and applicable rules and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the County and Dominion Energy NC desire to work cooperatively to support the mutual energy goals with the use of programs and innovative technologies associated with natural gas development, transportation and energy efficiency; and,

WHEREAS, collaborating with Dominion Energy NC is key to achieving mutual goals by harnessing emerging and innovative energy opportunities while also enhancing uptake of traditional energy programming such as energy efficiency; and,

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that Dominion Energy NC is interested in collaborating with the County to achieve its energy efficiency, renewable energy and affordable, safe and reliable energy goals; and,

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that Dominion Energy NC seeks to become the most sustainable natural gas company in the country by achieving net zero emissions by 2050 and to reduce its methane emissions 65% by 2030 from the 2010 levels; and,

WHEREAS, the County and Dominion Energy NC will work together on potential collaborative opportunities in areas including, but not limited to, energy efficiency, innovative energy technologies, and Renewable Natural Gas (RNG).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners supports the creation of a coordinated effort between Gaston County and Dominion Energy NC in support of shared energy goals, with the intent of working together to develop and implement projects and programs to help both entities achieve their respective goals.

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Tom Keigher, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners