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## New Coalition Investigating Environmental, Economic Impacts of Energy Projects Endorses Gov. Baker's Call for a Northeast Energy Summit

Governor Baker's transition team's proposal to convene a Northeast Energy Summit was strongly endorsed today by Northeast Energy Solutions (NEES), a coalition of organizations investigating the environmental and economic impacts of energy infrastructure development in the region.

The recommendation is part of a report released today by the Transition Committee.

"With the fractious statewide debates over appropriate energy policy, and widespread frustration over the high cost of electricity, it makes sense for the governor to convene a summit now," said Eleanor Tillinghast, president of NEES.

"These debates over energy infrastructure are taking place throughout the United States, and have regional and global import," said Vincent DeVito, a former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs and legal counsel to NEES.

Tillinghast pointed out that one of the most contentious energy issues in Massachusetts is the number of natural gas pipelines proposed for the region, and the lack of clarity as to whether all of them are needed, and who will pay for them.

NEES' founders include Berkshire Natural Resources Council, East Quabbin Land Trust, Franklin Land Trust, Green Berkshires, Nashua River Watershed Association, Richmond Land Trust, The Trustees of Reservations, and the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, an association of more than 130 organizations.