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Governor Hassan's Statement on the New Hampshire Energy Strategy

CONCORD – Following the delivery of the New Hampshire Energy Strategy by the Office of Energy and Planning, Governor Maggie Hassan released the following statement:

"Our businesses and families need reliable, affordable energy in order to continue to grow and prosper. Developed through a thorough public process, the New Hampshire Energy Strategy proposes concrete ways to help reduce energy costs, create jobs, protect our natural resources and improve reliability and diversity. I want to thank the Office of Energy and Planning, the State Energy Advisory Council and legislators from both parties, as well as all of the businesses and private citizens who participated in the process, for their important work to develop a critically needed energy strategy for our state. It will take continued bipartisan cooperation to implement the recommendations set out in the strategy, so that we can reduce costs and build a brighter energy future for our families, businesses and economy."

Required by the bipartisan Senate Bill 191 that the Governor signed in 2013, the New Hampshire Energy Strategy will help guide the Legislature, state and local government, businesses, non-profits and private citizens as they make future decisions about energy policy.

The strategy examines and addresses a variety of issues, with a focus on modernizing the state's electric

grid, increasing efficiency, continuing to diversify the fuel supply with local sources when possible and increasing transportation choices. It also includes ways for state and local governments to continue leading by example in energy efficiency and clean energy sources.

The full strategy, as well as all public comments, materials and presentations presented to the State Energy Advisory Council are available at http://www.nh.gov/oep/energy/programs/SB191.htm.



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