

**BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**

**RESOLUTION**

**Consideration of PURPA Standards**

WHEREAS, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA'07), which amended the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), requires non-regulated electric utilities that have total annual retail electric sales greater than 500 million kilowatt hours to consider adoption of five PURPA standards addressing energy efficiency in integrated resource plans, energy efficiency goals in electric rates, smart grid investments, customer access to interval meter data, and customer access to information about the utility's generation mix and greenhouse gas emissions (the "Standards"); and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (the "Cooperative") is a non-regulated electric utility with annual retail electric sales greater than 500 million kilowatt-hours;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Cooperative hereby adopts the following resolution directing the Cooperative to commence the process of considering the adoption of the PURPA Standards.

FURTHER, the Cooperative's staff shall research the appropriateness of the proposed Standards taking into consideration the purposes and goals of the EISA'07 and shall present recommendations on the proposed Standards to the Board.

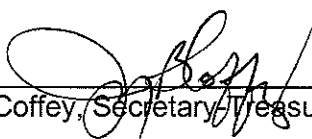
FURTHER, the Board hereby sets March 3, 2009 for a public hearing on the proposed Standards as they relate to the Cooperative.

FURTHER, the Cooperative will notify members and others via various public notice procedures of the public hearing at least 90 days prior to the date of the public hearing, and such notice shall contain an invitation for comments and a general summary of the proposed Standards and the means by which a Member of the Cooperative or other interested persons may obtain a copy thereof.

FURTHER, the Board shall see that the Cooperative conducts the public hearing on the proposed Standards on the date set forth in the published notice and shall make a determination on the appropriateness of the proposed Standards for the Cooperative on or before December 19, 2009.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

This is to certify that the above is a true and exact copy of an excerpt from the minutes of the Board of Directors' regular meeting held Thursday, November 20, 2008.

  
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Joy Coffey, Secretary/Treasurer