



RESOLUTION ON GRID MODERNIZATION

Committee: Energy (ENE)

Resolution: ENE-17-01

1. **WHEREAS**, investments in local infrastructure are making America's cities
2. technologically innovative for the purpose of creating a better quality of life for citizens,
3. providing for the health, safety, and welfare of all our communities; and in particular,
4. fixed income, low-income, underserved and minority- "smart cities"; and
5. **WHEREAS**, "smart cities" have the potential to bridge economic and social barriers
6. through technology and innovation and provide much needed benefits to all citizens
7. including better health, cleaner air, and increased employment opportunities; and
8. **WHEREAS**, the creation of smart cities consists of partnerships between government
9. and the private sector including electric companies as they play an integral role in
10. deploying innovative technologies that benefit its customers; and
11. **WHEREAS**, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL
12. Women) recognizes that a modernized electric grid is part of a holistic approach to
13. creating and maintaining smart city infrastructure and ensuring all customers have access
14. to safe, reliable, and affordable energy options; and
15. **WHEREAS**, NOBEL Women recognizes the regulatory challenges faced by
16. stakeholders as they address the crucial question of who will bear the costs of creating
17. and maintaining smart cities and, in particular, the costs to fixed-income and other
18. vulnerable classes of customers; and

19. **WHEREAS**, public policymakers must ensure smart cities benefit all customers as they
20. manage city ambitions, utility investments, and regulatory policy;

21. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women will work with policymakers
22. on the local, state, and federal level to develop policies that facilitate and accelerate the
23. development of smart cities and ensure all communities benefit from its technologies; and

24. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women affirm their support for the
25. creation and maintenance of smart cities; with an intentional focus of providing for the
26. most underserved and vulnerable communities; and

27. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NOBLE Women recognizes the crucial role
28. played by electric companies in investing and maintaining a modernized grid that ensures
29. reliability, safety and affordability for all customers and that a modernized grid
introduces
30. and integrates innovative technology that enhances smart city connectivity while
31. generating economic opportunities.

Introduced by: The Honorable Valencia Seay (GA)