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E-ENTERPRISE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, multiple state and federal Executive Orders mandate agencies to increase efficiencies, reduce regulatory burdens, and build a streamlined and modernized government that develops and implements new approaches and business processes to environmental management that increase effectiveness and better serve all Americans; and

WHEREAS, E-Enterprise for the Environment is a joint initiative of states, tribes, and U.S. EPA as co-regulators to improve environmental outcomes and dramatically enhance service to the regulated community and the public by optimizing operations, increasing transparency, and maximizing the use of information technologies; and

WHEREAS, this governance and business strategy is designed to leverage the decade-plus jointly managed state-U.S. EPA Exchange Network experience and honors existing delegated authorities and other environmental program jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the E-Enterprise for the Environment effort means U.S. EPA, tribes, and states together are coordinating investments, implementing program improvements and modernization, and achieving economies of scale; and

WHEREAS, E-Enterprise for the Environment establishes a mechanism for states, tribes, and U.S. EPA to engage earlier and more effectively in improving business processes and program operations; and

WHEREAS, E-Enterprise for the Environment provides states, tribes, and U.S. EPA with enhanced transparency with respect to regulated entity environmental performance, ambient environmental conditions, and administrative processes, which states, tribes, and U.S. EPA can use to effectively allocate scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, E-Enterprise calls for the development of shared technical infrastructure which can be re-used by U.S. EPA programs and states to lower development and operating costs, as well as the development of shared programmatic services to support program streamlining and modernization; and

WHEREAS, ECOS and U.S. EPA have taken a number of steps to institutionalize and advance this initiative, including approving the *Charter for ECOS EPA Working Group on Electronic Environmental Transactions* to develop a vision for E-Enterprise for the Environment (July 2012), agreeing to a Joint Governance Statement to support the development, implementation, and continuous improvement of E-Enterprise (December 2012); signing the *Charter for State and EPA E-Enterprise Leadership Council*, which among other outcomes, established the E-Enterprise Leadership Council (September 2013); and signing the *Governance Charter for E-Enterprise for the Environment* (September 2016) that adds tribal members to the EELC and establishes other managing governance bodies; and

WHEREAS, the E-Enterprise Leadership Council consists of high-level state, tribal, and U.S. EPA officials and has been meeting regularly since December 2013 to guide and oversee the implementation of the E-Enterprise for the Environment initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE STATES:

Reaffirms its commitment to E-Enterprise for the Environment, the E-Enterprise Leadership Council, and the *Governance Charter for E-Enterprise for the Environment*;

Calls on states, tribes, and U.S. EPA, to the extent practicable, to implement the recommendations of the E-Enterprise Leadership Council; and

Calls on U.S. Congress to provide adequate funding to support efforts to implement the vision of E-Enterprise.