



TOMPKINS COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. 2-2001 - RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING PRESIDENT BUSH RECONSIDER FEDERAL POLICY ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS

WHEREAS, The United States is a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and has pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon dioxide, and

WHEREAS, Greenhouse gas emissions have been associated in reputable scientific studies with global warming, and

WHEREAS, Coal-fired power plants are a major point source of carbon dioxide emissions, and

WHEREAS, During the presidential campaign President George W. Bush made an explicit commitment to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the United States, and

WHEREAS, On March 15th, 2001, President Bush nullified his commitment with an announcement that no new standards for carbon dioxide emissions would be mandated for coal-fired power generating plants, and

WHEREAS, This decision will result in an increased concentration of greenhouse gases, thereby contributing to global warming, in violation of the U.N. Convention on Climate Change, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Tompkins County Environmental Management Council recommends to the County Board of Representatives that it communicate to President Bush its severe disappointment with his decision not to uphold his commitment to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power generating plants, and request he reconsider his decision.

Date: April 11, 2001

Voting in Favor: 14 Voting Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

