

# CARE's Principles for a Comprehensive Energy Plan

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- Prioritize the creation of an affordable and reliable state energy supply to protect consumers and support jobs and the economy;
- Develop state policies that promote compliance flexibility, which are technology neutral, and that recognize regional differences to minimize energy cost increases and reliability impacts;
- Provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the costs, risks and trade-offs of current state policies that could impede the efficient, affordable, and reliable delivery of energy;
- Identify limits on the costs that should be borne by energy consumers and businesses to achieve important societal goals or mandates;
- Conduct a rigorous analysis to identify and prevent duplication or inconsistencies between existing and new state policies to avoid energy cost increases and reliability risks;
- Adopt realistic paths and timelines for regulatory compliance to achieve energy-related state goals to minimize stranded assets and maximize regulatory certainty;
- Strengthen oversight and regularly adjust state policies to avoid energy cost overruns or reliability impacts, and;
- Develop additional programs to encourage robust public participation, education, and support regarding the costs and benefits of energy and environmental policies.