

1 **NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

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3 **RESOLUTION 5-09**

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5 **IN SUPPORT OF THE BENEFITS OF HYDROPOWER**
6 **AS A RENEWABLE RESOURCE**
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8 The Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) supports
9 hydropower as a renewable, clean, economically beneficial, cost-effective
10 and safe resource. Our western water resources belong to the people. Our
11 water resources are for the greater common good of the people and the
12 environment.

13 As a renewable energy resource, hydropower generation reduces the
14 need to burn about one billion barrels of oil per year.

15 As a clean energy resource, hydropower keeps our air and water clean
16 by reducing the contamination from burning oil.

17 Hydropower reduces the nation's balance of payments by using a
18 domestic energy source that reduces the need to import foreign oil.

19 Hydropower serves our nation's economy and people by controlling
20 floods, developing navigation systems, irrigating our farms, supporting fish
21 hatcheries and developing recreational opportunities.

22 Hydropower is a cost-effective resource because it eliminates the need
23 to buy fuel of any kind. Once a hydroelectric facility is built and amortized
24 the project costs include just operations and maintenance.

25 Hydropower is a safe energy resource. The by-products of generation
26 do not create a hazard for the environment or the people operating or living
27 near the facility.

28 NWPPA wants sensible, balanced approaches to the construction,
29 modification — including incremental upgrades — and operation of
30 hydropower facilities. Hydropower is the foundation of our Northwest
31 region's energy supply. It aids our businesses and industries in being a
32 viable and competitive force that enhances the strength of the country.

33 Hydropower is a renewable, clean, economically beneficial, cost-
34 effective and safe energy resource. NWPPA urges Congress and the
35 Executive Branch of the United States to weigh the value of our western
36 water resources in light of the enormous benefits of hydropower to our
37 environment and economy. From flood control to robust irrigation to cost-
38 effective navigation to viable fish hatcheries to dynamic recreational
39 opportunities, hydropower keeps our region's water resources working for
40 America.

41 Because hydroelectric power is a renewable energy resource, NWPPA
42 urges the Congress and the Executive Branch of the Federal government to
43 be consistent in recognizing hydropower as a renewable energy resource in
44 all actions taken by these branches of government.

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