

1 **NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

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3 **RESOLUTION 9-09**

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5 **IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION**
6 **INCLUDING PUBLIC POWER IN ENERGY INITIATIVES DISCUSSIONS**
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8 The Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) recognizes the
9 Western Governors' Association (WGA) and its members influence
10 regional and national energy policy through various initiatives. As the
11 WGA advances energy initiatives, NWPPA encourages the WGA and its
12 members to seek input from consumer-owned utilities, including electric
13 cooperatives, municipal utilities and public/people's utility districts, who
14 serve roughly half of all consumers in the western United States and
15 British Columbia.

16 Consumer-owned utilities have provided little input during the
17 discussion, formulation and production of WGA's existing energy policy
18 positions. Conversely, for-profit interests have been actively involved in
19 making energy recommendations to the WGA – as seen in the June 2006
20 Clean and Diversified Energy Advisory Committee report.

21 To give parity to the WGA's western energy picture, consumer-
22 owned utilities that manage their energy needs through local control and
23 make financial decisions for their customers based on meeting consumer
24 needs seek inclusion. Consumer-owned utilities provide a different view
25 point from for-profit interests that are guaranteed a rate of return on
26 energy investments and whose ultimate customers are their respective
27 shareholders.

28 As the WGA works to advance the three goals it outlined in its
29 Clean and Diversified Energy Initiative, NWPPA urges the WGA to seek
30 input from consumer-owned utilities on these and other energy
31 initiatives that impact the region and our shared constituencies. The
32 WGA goals are to:

- 33 • Develop an additional 30,000 megawatts of clean energy by 2015
- 34 from both traditional and renewable sources;
- 35 • Achieve a 20 percent increase in energy efficiency by 2020; and
- 36 • Ensure a reliable and secure transmission grid for the next 25
- 37 years,

38 The Western Energy Resources Committee (WERC) was formed by
39 NWPPA to facilitate engagement with the WGA and its members and act
40 as a resource for future energy discussions. Through WERC, NWPPA
41 members hope to establish a better relationship with the WGA and to
42 provide public power's perspective on their various energy initiatives as
43 represented in NWPPA's current slate of policy resolutions.

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