

Northwest Public Power Association
Resolution 2010-02
Energy Efficiency

Background

NWPPA believes that energy efficiency can assist members to meet challenges in the years ahead due to increased energy demand, costs and regulation. Energy efficiency gains can help offset costs associated with the Bonneville Power Administration's tiered rate structure, market power purchases, construction or acquisition of additional generating resources and increased costs related to compliance with regulations, state and federal renewable portfolio standards, and potential impacts of climate change legislation. Cost effective energy efficiency can build upon the strong foundation of low-cost hydroelectric generation in the West. Energy efficiency technologies and applications can help create jobs which benefit local economies. New investments and incentives for energy efficiency will help to raise awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency, help to create demand for and development of additional technologies and promote energy independence.

NWPPA's Position

- NWPPA urges Congress to promote all technically feasible, cost-effective and achievable energy efficiency measures including increased funding for the development of demand side management technologies and services.
- NWPPA supports tax credits and incentives for residential, commercial industrial, agricultural and public facilities and processes to install energy efficiency measures which mitigate consumer energy costs
- NWPPA supports increased funding for energy efficiency programs.
- NWPPA supports training programs that help build an energy efficiency workforce of the future.
- NWPPA supports economically feasible energy efficiency building codes that result in significant energy use reductions over the life of the building and energy efficiency equipment standards that reduce the amount of energy required to power amenities.
- NWPPA supports a coordinated effort at all levels of government to help inform the public about the benefits of energy efficiency including a comparison to the total costs of the alternatives.
- NWPPA supports economically feasible energy efficiency building codes that result in significant energy use reductions over the life of the building and energy efficiency equipment standards that reduce the amount of energy required to power amenities.
- NWPPA supports establishing benchmarking of energy use in existing buildings (residential and commercial) using weather normalization for HVAC loads as an important indicator to assist in identifying conservation opportunities.

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