

**Northwest Public Power Association**  
**Resolution 2010-03**  
**Hydropower is a Renewable Resource**

**Background**

NWPPA supports hydropower, the foundation of the region's energy supply, as a renewable, clean, economically beneficial, cost-effective, emissions-free and safe energy resource. Hydroelectric projects serve the nation's economy and people by supplying renewable power, controlling floods, developing navigation systems, irrigating farmlands, supporting fish hatcheries and developing recreational opportunities. Hydropower keeps the air and water clean by reducing the need to burn and import fossil fuels. Hydropower is the Nation's largest renewable resource, represents a significant portion of electrical generation capacity, and its expansion can be a major source of job creation in the U.S.

**NWPPA's Position**

- NWPPA believes Congress should recognize hydropower as a renewable resource.
- NWPPA urges Congress to avoid legislative initiatives that may adversely impact the enormous benefits of hydropower to the environment and economy.
- NWPPA encourages Congress to support policies that enable growth in hydropower and corresponding opportunities for new job growth.
- Hydropower, regardless of its size and start date, should be considered a zero carbon resource that is eligible to receive full credit under any carbon reduction reporting or compliance program.
- NWPPA supports federal investments in new advanced hydropower technologies through research, development, and incentives to help achieve national energy independence.
- NWPPA believes Congress should provide sufficient incentives to both public and private sectors for increases in domestic hydropower generation to help meet State and Federal renewable energy goals.

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