

1 **NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

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3 **8-06 Archived Resolution**

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5 **IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL CONTROL OF RETAIL RATE SETTING AND**
6 **CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLES PROGRAMS**
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8 One of the major historical features and benefits of consumer-
9 owned electric utilities, whether they are cooperatives, municipalities, or
10 public utility districts, is the advantage of being locally regulated utilities.
11 These utilities are governed, regulated and administered by local boards,
12 city councils and/or commissions elected from the service area of the
13 specific consumer-owned electric utility. The local public accountability
14 for these consumer-owned systems has always existed.

15 Through the efforts of local control, consumer-owned utilities in
16 the West have established themselves as leaders in providing equitable
17 retail rates, and in developing conservation and renewables programs for
18 their consumers. Consumer-owned utilities have been involved in
19 conservation standards in this region for over 25 years. To compliment
20 conservation efforts, utilities are investing in renewable energy programs
21 to meet growing demands for “green” power. Also, each utility in this
22 region, through its own rate studies and socioeconomic studies, has been
23 able to determine the fair share of costs for each class of customer.

24 The Northwest Public Power Association is strongly opposed to any
25 effort, nationally, regionally or by states, that would change the
26 regulation of these utilities from traditional and historical local control.
27 For all types of consumer-owned utilities, these elected officials are
28 responsible for the proper functions of their own utility and are directly
29 accountable to the ratepayers.

30 The Northwest Public Power Association believes rate making
31 should be left to the authority of the locally elected board of consumer-
32 owned electric utilities. We oppose the imposition of retail rates or rate
33 design mandated by state, federal, or regional bodies upon publicly
34 owned electric utilities. Similarly, NWPPA opposes efforts to impose
35 conservation and renewables programs on its member utilities who
36 continue to demonstrate leadership in these areas.

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