

1 **NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

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3 **07-7 Resolution**

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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 hydropower  
9 as a renewable, clean, economically beneficial, cost-effective and safe resource.  
10 Our western water resources belong to the people. Our water resources are for  
11 the greater common good of the people and the environment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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