

1 **NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

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3 **07-9 Active 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 Through the efforts of local control, consumer-owned utilities in
9 the West have established themselves as leaders in providing equitable
10 retail rates, and in developing conservation and renewables programs for
11 their consumers. Consumer-owned utilities have been involved in
12 conservation standards in this region for over 25 years. To complement
13 conservation efforts, utilities are investing in renewable energy programs
14 to meet growing demands for “green” power. Also, each utility in this
15 region, through its own rate studies and socioeconomic studies, has been
16 able to determine the fair share of costs for each class of customer.

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

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

30 The Northwest Public Power Association also believes that federal
31 and state legislators should remove barriers and create incentives for
32 public power utilities that choose to develop conservation and renewable
33 resources. Legislators should work with local consumer-owned utilities
34 to remove or reform rules and laws that hinder their development or
35 acquisition of conservation and renewable resources; and create
36 comparable tax incentives equivalent to those available to private
37 utilities.

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