

1 **NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

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3 **07-11 Resolution**

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5 **PRINCIPLES FOR FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION**

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7 The Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) recognizes the
8 interconnected relationship between energy and environmental policies.
9 We also recognize that growing concerns regarding the threat of climate
10 change have been linked to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, requiring
11 energy providers to engage in policy and technology development to
12 reduce GHG.

13 During this process, NWPPA members face growing uncertainty
14 over what the future of U.S. climate change policy will be and how that
15 future would affect the ability of our utilities to provide reliable,
16 affordable, and safe electric power. Policies to address climate change
17 can have substantial impacts on our consumers and it is in NWPPA
18 members' interest to outline a thoughtful position regarding the
19 reduction of GHG emissions.

20 As domestic policies to reduce GHG emissions are contemplated,
21 the NWPPA urges Congress to carefully consider all solutions for
22 addressing climate change and to incorporate the following principles in
23 any new federal legislation. Specifically, federal legislation must:

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- 25 • Be economy-wide and apply to all industry sectors in proportion to
 - 26 their emissions of greenhouse gases;
 - 27 • Consider the financial impact on and the ability of consumers to
 - 28 afford any proposed greenhouse gas emission reduction program;
 - 29 • Protect the ability of U.S. industries to compete in world markets
 - 30 and carefully consider the international competitive impact on U.S.
 - 31 jobs;
 - 32 • Ensure that investments in noncarbon dioxide emitting hydro
 - 33 power, conservation and new noncarbon renewables are
 - 34 appropriately valued in any national trading program;
 - 35 • Allow credit for early actions taken to prevent and reduce
 - 36 greenhouse gas emissions, including renewable energy generation,
 - 37 energy efficiency, conservation and greenhouse gas mitigation
 - 38 programs;
 - 39 • Maintain reliability, protect national security and avoid over-
 - 40 reliance on any single fuel by recognizing the importance of
 - 41 preserving a diverse mix of electricity generation fuels;
 - 42 • Place an enhanced and immediate economy-wide focus on energy
 - 43 efficiency for all energy uses;
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- 47 • Ensure that tax-based or other incentives for the development and
48 deployment of renewable and clean energy facilities and programs
49 are provided on a comparable basis to all electric industry sectors
50 including public power;
- 51 • Recognize and address regional differences, including fast-growing
52 regions that can impact the fairness and effectiveness of any
53 program designed to address greenhouse gas emissions;
- 54 • Include additional and expanded federal support for research,
55 development and deployment of cost-effective technologies for a
56 variety of low and zero carbon technologies, including renewable
57 technologies such as hydro, tidal, wave, geothermal, solar, biomass
58 and wind, as well as technologies to reduce, capture, transform,
59 transport or sequester greenhouse gases from emission sources
60 throughout the national economy;
- 61 • Ensure that development of any GHG cap and trade system be
62 carefully and thoughtfully structured to minimize consumer
63 exposure to gaming and price volatility, be fair and manageable for
64 small entities, and be durable to ensure that infrastructure
65 investments are not at risk;
- 66 • Ensure legislative emissions reduction targets are consistent with
67 commercially available technologies necessary to achieve them;
- 68 • Ensure that any generation portfolio requirements allow all low
69 emission technologies; and
- 70 • Allowances to emit greenhouse gases should be allocated based on
71 electricity output, not on historic emissions.

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