

Northwest Public Power Association
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Western Governors' Association Energy Initiatives

Background

NWPPA recognizes that the Western Governors' Association (WGA) and its members influence regional and national energy policy through various initiatives. The WGA is an active organization of Governors representing 19 Western states, which has outlined three goals in its Clean and Diversified Energy Initiative. They include: 1) Develop an additional 30,000 megawatts of clean energy by 2015 from both traditional and renewable sources; 2) Achieve a 20 percent increase in energy efficiency by 2020; and 3) Ensure a reliable and secure transmission grid for the next 25 years.

NWPPA members serve roughly half of all consumers in the Western United States and British Columbia. NWPPA provides public power's perspective on various WGA energy initiatives as the footprint of these two organizations overlap.

NWPPA's Position

- NWPPA urges the WGA to seek input from all consumer-owned utilities in the discussion, formulation and production of energy initiatives that impact the Western region and its shared constituencies.
- The WGA's energy policy positions should take into account that consumer-owned utilities are different than for-profit interests because consumer-owned utilities have an obligation to provide service to customers and are not guaranteed a rate of return on energy investments, nor do they have responsibilities to shareholders.

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