

Northwest Public Power Association
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Energy Efficiency

Background

NWPPA believes that energy efficiency can assist members to meet challenges in the years ahead due to increased energy demand, costs and regulation. Energy efficiency gains can help offset costs associated with market power purchases, construction or acquisition of additional generating resources and increased costs related to compliance with regulations, state and federal renewable portfolio standards, and potential impacts of climate change legislation. Cost effective energy efficiency can build upon the strong foundation of low-cost hydroelectric generation in the West. Energy efficiency technologies and applications can help create jobs which benefit local economies. New investments and incentives for energy efficiency will help to raise awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency, increase consumer installations and savings from energy efficient products and practices, help to create demand for and development of additional technologies and promote energy independence.

NWPPA's Position

- NWPPA urges Congress to promote all technically feasible, cost-effective and achievable energy efficiency measures.
- NWPPA supports federal- and state-funded tax credits and incentives for residential, commercial industrial, agricultural and public facilities and processes to install energy efficiency measures which mitigate consumer energy costs.
- NWPPA supports training programs that help build an energy efficiency workforce of the future.
- NWPPA supports a qualified, least cost coordinated effort at all levels of government to help inform the public about the benefits of energy efficiency including a comparison to the total costs of the alternatives.
- NWPPA supports the development and adoption of energy efficiency building codes and appliance standards that are cost-effective.

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