

1 **Northwest Public Power Association**
2 **Resolution 2010-03**
3 **Hydropower is a Renewable Resource**

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5 **Background**

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7 NWPPA supports hydropower, the foundation of the region’s energy supply, as a renewable,
8 clean, economically beneficial, cost-effective, emissions-free and safe energy resource.
9 Hydroelectric projects serve the nation’s economy and people by supplying renewable power,
10 controlling floods, developing navigation systems, irrigating farmlands, supporting fish
11 hatcheries and developing recreational opportunities. Hydropower keeps the air and water
12 clean by reducing the need to burn and import fossil fuels. Hydropower is the Nation’s largest
13 renewable resource, represents a significant portion of electrical generation capacity, and its expansion
14 can be a major source of job creation in the U.S.
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16 **NWPPA’s Position**

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- 18 • NWPPA believes Congress should recognize hydropower as a renewable resource.
 - 19 • NWPPA urges Congress to avoid legislative initiatives that may adversely impact the
20 enormous benefits of hydropower to the environment and economy.
 - 21 • NWPPA encourages Congress to support policies that enable growth in hydropower and
22 corresponding opportunities for new job growth.
 - 23 • Hydropower, regardless of its size and start date, should be considered a zero carbon
24 resource that is eligible to receive full credit under any carbon reduction reporting or
25 compliance program.
 - 26 • NWPPA supports federal investments in new advanced hydropower technologies
27 through research, development, and incentives to help achieve national energy
28 independence.
 - 29 • NWPPA believes Congress should provide sufficient incentives to both public and private
30 sectors for increases in domestic hydropower generation to help meet State and Federal
31 renewable energy goals.
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33 Origination Date: 1997. Revised in 2010.