

1 **Northwest Public Power Association**
2 **Resolution 2010-06**
3 **Climate Change**
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5 **Background**
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7 NWPPA recognizes the relationship between energy and environmental policies and
8 understands that federal climate change policy continues to evolve. NWPPA members face
9 growing uncertainty over what the future of federal climate change policy will be and how that
10 future will affect the ability of NWPPA's utilities to provide reliable, affordable, and safe electric
11 power. Federal policies to address climate change could have substantial impacts on our
12 consumers and, therefore, it is in NWPPA's best interest to provide Congress clear guidance
13 regarding policies to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions
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15 **NWPPA's Position**
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17 If any GHG emission reduction policies or statutes are enacted by Congress:
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- 19 • Federal legislation should ensure uniform application across the United States and
20 should pre-empt individual implementation of state, regional and Environmental
21 Protection Agency GHG reduction programs.
- 22 • All sectors of the economy should have reduction targets proportional to their
23 contribution to GHG emissions and timelines for achieving those targets which should
24 be based exclusively on lowering GHG emissions and not on raising government
25 revenues to fund unrelated activities.
- 26 • Consumer-owned utilities must maintain their right to local control by retaining the
27 flexibility to meet GHG reduction targets in ways that best meet the needs of their
28 communities and do not mandate acquisition of energy resources that are unnecessary
29 to meet load growth.
- 30 • Consumer-owned utilities should receive appropriate credit for all current and past
31 actions to prevent, reduce or mitigate GHG emissions.
- 32 • Legislation should exclude any form of auction in GHG markets and instead, include
33 mechanisms to provide cost certainty for utilities to protect consumers from excessive
34 prices, price volatility, fraud and market manipulation -- as evidenced by the Western
35 electricity crisis of 2001.

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