**Northwest Public Power Association**

**Resolution 2016-01**

**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.  Additionally, implementation of increases in minimum energy efficiency standards for buildings nationwide would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lessen associated demands on the power grid, improve air quality, and save money for electric consumers. Cost effective energy efficiency can build upon the strong foundation of low-cost hydroelectric generation in the West.  Energy efficiency technologies, applications and building standards 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, 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 coordinated effort at all levels of government to help inform the public about the benefits of economic energy efficiency.
* NWPPA supports model national energy efficiency building codes and appliance standards that are cost-effective and establish increased minimum energy efficiency.
* NWPPA believes that model national energy efficiency building standards must be flexible enough to account for legitimate variations among regions in the country regarding the building materials and available technologies.
* NWPPA urges Congress to create a model national building standards program that would not pre-empt state codes that are already in effect and more stringent.

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