**Northwest Public Power Association**

**Resolution 2016-12**

**Greenhouse Gas Regulation of the Electric Sector**

**Background**

NWPPA recognizes the relationship between energy and environmental policies and understands that the electric sector will address Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions under federal regulation. NWPPA members remain committed to providing reliable, affordable, and safe electric power.  Federal policies to address climate change could have substantial impacts on our consumers and, therefore, it is in NWPPA’s best interest to provide the Administration and Congress clear guidance regarding policies to reduce GHG emissions.

**NWPPA’s Position**

As the Administration and Congress address energy and climate issues:

* NWPPA’s members have serious concerns with the Environmental Protection Agency’s attempts to regulate GHGs through the Clean Air Act.
* NWPPA supports regulatory or legislative action that provides:

1. Credit to utilities for early action to reduce GHGs and for electrification by the transportation sector;
2. Utilities with adequate time and assistance to mitigate reliability impacts, and to consider the costs of compliance to electric consumers; and
3. Utilities with flexibility to meet any GHG reduction targets in ways that best accomplish the needs of their communities.

* NWPPA opposes regulatory or legislative mandates that force utilities to acquire energy resources that are unnecessary to meet load growth.

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