**Northwest Public Power Association**

**Resolution 2017-01**

**Energy Efficiency**

**Background**

NWPPA agrees that energy efficiency can assist members to meet challenges of increased energy demand, costs and regulation.  Energy efficiency gains can help offset increased costs associated with market power purchases, construction or acquisition of additional generating resources, and increased costs related to state and federal renewable portfolio standards, and potential impacts of climate change legislation.  Additionally, implementation of energy efficiency standards for buildings nationwide would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lessen demands on the power grid, improve air quality, and save energy for electric consumers. Energy efficiency technologies, applications and building standards can create jobs, which benefit local economies. New investments and incentives for energy efficiency help to raise awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency, increase consumer installations and savings, and, create demand for and development of additional technologies that support energy independence.

**NWPPA’s Position**

* NWPPA urges Congress to support all cost-effective, technically feasible, and achievable energy efficiency measures.
* NWPPA supports training programs that build an energy efficiency workforce for the future.
* NWPPA supports a coordinated effort at all levels of government to inform the public about the benefits of cost effective energy efficiency.
* NWPPA supports national model energy efficiency building codes and appliance standards.
* NWPPA believes that national model energy efficiency building standards must be flexible enough to account for variations among regions in the country with regard to 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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