**Northwest Public Power Association**

**Resolution 2017-12**

**Greenhouse Gas Regulation of the Electric Sector**

**Background**

NWPPA recognizes the relationship between energy and environmental policies and appreciates that market forces and state-level requirements are driving investment in clean energy. NWPPA members remain committed to providing reliable, affordable, sustainable, and safe electric power. State and 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**

Should the Administration and Congress address energy and climate issues:

* NWPPA supports policies that consider all technologies that generate emissions-free power.
* NWPPA supports federal policy that provides credit to utilities for early action to reduce GHGs and for electrification by the transportation sector.
* NWPPA supports policies that provide utilities with time and assistance to mitigate reliability impacts, and to consider the costs of compliance to electric consumers.
* NWPPA supports giving Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or other relevant agency a formal role in evaluating interstate reliability impacts of any major environmental regulation affecting the electric sector.
* NWPPA supports providing 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 resource adequacy requirements or policy goals.

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