

NRECA 2021 Regional Meetings



To be considered by:

**NRECA Member Standing Committees
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With actions taken by voting delegates in:

**Regions 8 & 10
Dallas, Texas – October 21, 2021**

**Regions 2 & 3
Birmingham, Alabama – October 7, 2021**

**Regions 7 & 9
Las Vegas, Nevada – September 30, 2021**

**Regions 5 & 6
Minneapolis, Minnesota – September 17, 2021**

**Regions 1 & 4
National Harbor, Maryland – September 10, 2021**

2021 Compendium of Proposed Resolutions

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- (2-B) Support for Financial Relief for Premature Retirement of Generation Resources
- (3) Support State Sage Grouse Plans

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1 **(1) Proposed New Resolution – Forwarded by the National Resolutions Committee with a**
2 **Recommendation for Adoption**

3 *Submitted by the Nebraska Rural Electric Association with amendments by the National*
4 *Resolutions Committees; Supported by the Wyoming Rural Electric Association*
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7 **National Resolutions Committee Explanation:** The Committee recommends for the adoption
8 of this resolution as amended by the Committee during the June 25, 2021 meeting, with input
9 from the submitting member. The Committee added language to clarify that NRECA should
10 continue to work with the federal government to support and incentivize these technologies.
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13 **Support for Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage**
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15 We urge NRECA to support legislative and regulatory initiatives which promote the
16 development and implementation of technologies to capture and sequester carbon dioxide from
17 power plants. Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS) technology protects member
18 investments in reliable baseload generation while enhancing the value of these resources in an
19 economy that values low carbon emissions.

20 We further urge NRECA to work to ensure that electric generators can effectively
21 mitigate their financial risks by working with Congress, the Administration, and regulatory
22 agencies to provide financial support and incentives and to promote a regulatory environment
23 which favors CCUS development.
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26 **Region Actions:**
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28 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 2; 3; 8; 10: Adopted.**

1 **(2-A) Proposed New Resolution – Forwarded by the National Resolutions Committee with a**
2 **Recommendation for Adoption**

3 *Submitted by the Colorado Rural Electric Association with amendments by the National Resolutions*
4 *Committee; Supported by the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Wyoming Rural*
5 *Electric Association, and the Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association, Arizona*
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8 **National Resolutions Committee Explanation:** The Committee recommends for the adoption of
9 this resolution as amended by the Committee during the June 25, 2021 meeting, with input from
10 the submitting member. In addition to various amendments to emphasize the need for voluntary
11 options and financial relief for cooperatives who are prematurely retiring generation assets and
12 infrastructure, the Committee amended title for clarity and to distinguish it from existing
13 resolution “Stranded Assets and Economic Impacts,” which appears at Proposed Amendment 4,
14 below.
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17 **Support for Financial Relief for Premature Retirement of Generation Resources**
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19 We urge NRECA to support voluntary federal policy options that help provide financial
20 relief to cooperatives facing premature retirement of generation assets and associated
21 infrastructure resulting from regulation, legislation, and other policies which result in negative
22 economic impacts. These early or premature retirements result in the stranding of assets, leaving
23 cooperatives with higher costs and unproductive debt on their balance sheets which can jeopardize
24 financial strength and can lead to upward rate pressure.
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27 **Region Actions:**

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29 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9: Adopted.**

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31 **Region 8: Not Adopted.** The Region 8 Resolutions Committee recommended against the
32 adoption of this resolution with an explanation that, this is part of the current federal discussion.
33 NRECA has sent a letter to legislators supporting something similar to this concept. There are
34 some serious concerns regarding this resolution focused around reliability – which should always
35 be our top priority. We realize that many cooperatives across the country are being forced to shut
36 carbon producing plants down and money from the government could help them. If we start
37 supporting government incentives to shut down these plants and increase renewable production,
38 we are putting the reliability of our grid in jeopardy. Until such time there is the appropriate
39 technology, transmission and time to implement the closing of carbon producing plants and
40 increase renewable energy production without causing reliability concerns, we must continue to
41 make our member-owners’ reliable electricity our top priority.
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43 Passing this resolution could potentially no longer support reliability as electric cooperatives’ top
44 priority. This resolution could create a shift of the focus of NRECA to getting government support
45 to close carbon plants and increasing renewable production, not focusing on if this would hurt our
46 reliability. Electric Cooperatives’ message to member-owners, legislators and the public has, and
47 always will be, reliability above everything else – and we cannot put a price on that.

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49 **Regions 2; 3; 10: Not Considered.** Voting delegates in Regions 2, 3, and 10 adopted version 2-B
50 and therefore did not consider this version since it presented practically the same question.
51 Robert’s Rules of Order (11th ed.) governs NRECA member meetings (NRECA Bylaw Article
52 IX). Robert’s Rules provides that, “Motions are ... improper when they present practically the
53 same question as a motion previously decided at the same session.” (Section 39 “Improper
54 Motions,” page 343, lines 24-26).

1 **(2-B) Proposed New Resolution**

2 *Submitted by Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia, during the Regions 2 and 3 Meetings (see below*
3 *“Region Actions” for explanation)*

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5 **Explanation:** This version adds “or circumstances” in the first sentence. See the “Submitting
6 Member Explanation” below for more background; see the explanation at 2-A for more
7 information regarding the resolution as originally forwarded.

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9 **Support for Financial Relief for Premature Retirement of Generation Resources**

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11 We urge NRECA to support voluntary federal policy options that help provide financial
12 relief to cooperatives facing premature retirement of generation assets and associated
13 infrastructure resulting from regulation, legislation, and other policies or circumstances, which
14 result in negative economic impacts. These early or premature retirements result in the stranding
15 of assets, leaving cooperatives with higher costs and unproductive debt on their balance sheets
16 which can jeopardize financial strength and can lead to upward rate pressure.

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19 **Region Actions:**

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21 **Regions 2; 3; 10: Adopted.**

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23 **Region 8: Not Adopted.** The Region 8 Resolutions Committee recommended against the
24 adoption of this resolution and referred to the explanation the committee used in Proposed New
25 Resolution 2-A, above.

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27 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9: Not Considered.** This version was introduced at the Regions 2 and 3
28 Resolutions Committee meetings, after Regions 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 met.

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31 **Submitting Member Explanation:** Many regions of the U.S. are facing early retirement of
32 generation assets for a variety of reasons. Some states are using legislation and regulation to force
33 the closure of generation assets, but other parts of the U.S. are closing generation resources for a
34 variety of other reasons. [This] amendment [] broadens the circumstances under which federal
35 policy options could provide financial relief to cooperatives that are facing premature retirement
36 of generation assets.

1 **(3) Proposed New Resolution**

2 *Submitted by the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association during the Regions 7 and 9 Meetings (see*
3 *below "Region Actions" for explanation)*

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6 **Support State Sage Grouse Plans**

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8 If the Sage Grouse is listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), we urge NRECA to
9 ensure that states with effective sage grouse conservation plans are allowed to follow their state
10 plans, and to ensure that additional ESA requirements are not imposed within those states.

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13 **Region Actions:**

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15 **Regions 7; 9; 2; 3; 8; 10: Adopted.**

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17 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6: Not Considered.** This version was introduced at the Regions 7 and 9
18 Resolutions Committee meetings, after Regions 1, 4, 5, and 6 met.

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21 **Submitting Member Explanation:** This resolution comes as we receive recent, credible
22 information that the Biden Administration may be moving to list the sage grouse as threatened or
23 endangered. Such a listing, which could easily mean the federal government steps in to manage
24 the bird, could be devastating to electric cooperatives serving in sage grouse country. However,
25 some state sage grouse management plans, such as the one in Montana, have already proven
26 effective – both in protecting the sage grouse and allowing flexibility in development, including
27 maintaining and building powerlines. This resolution would assist the states in preserving state
28 management authority.

1 **(4) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution – Forwarded by the National Resolutions**
2 **Committee with a Recommendation for Adoption**

3 *Submitted by the National Resolutions Committee*
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6 **National Resolutions Committee Explanation:** The Committee recommends for the adoption of
7 this proposed amendment. The Committee made clarifying amendments, including amending the
8 title to distinguish it from Proposed New Resolution 2 “Support for Financial Relief for Premature
9 Retirement of Generation Resources,” above, and replacing “Urban America” with “Our country”
10 to emphasize that the country as a whole is dependent on those in rural America.
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13 **Support for Communities Economically Impacted by Federal Policies**
14 **Stranded Assets and Economic Impacts**
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16 The cooperative business model is dependent on a vibrant rural America and cooperatives
17 in local communities. ~~Urban America is dependent~~ **Our country depends** on rural America for
18 national security, food, water, and energy resources ~~facilitated~~ **contributed** by America’s Electric
19 Cooperatives. We urge NRECA to work with its members and other appropriate stakeholders to
20 support rural communities that are significantly and economically impacted by federal
21 policies that result in the stranding of local industries as well as electric generation, transmission
22 and distribution assets built to serve those rural communities.
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25 **Region Actions:**
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27 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 2; 3; 8; 10: Adopted.**

1 **(5-A) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution – Forwarded by the National Resolutions**
2 **Committee with a Recommendation for Adoption**

3 *Original topic submitted by the Colorado Rural Electric Association, Colorado; revised into a proposed*
4 *amendment by the National Resolutions Committee*

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7 **National Resolutions Committee Explanation:** The Committee recommends for the adoption of
8 this proposed amendment. Based on the submitting member’s proposal to adopt a new resolution
9 on understanding rural poverty, and with input from the submitting member, the Committee
10 determined existing resolution “Support for Low Income Home Energy Assistance” should be
11 revised and broadened to support efforts to address rural poverty and additional government
12 assistance programs.

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15 **Support for Efforts to Address Rural Poverty**

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17 **We urge NRECA to work with its members to understand available data, federal**
18 **assistance, and other cooperative or utility programs and solutions that help advance efforts**
19 **to address rural poverty issues within the NRECA membership given that electric**
20 **cooperatives provide electricity to 92 percent of the United States’ counties identified as**
21 **having “persistent poverty.”**

22 **We further urge NRECA to continue to support, promote and provide guidance on**
23 **energy assistance programs and activities, such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance**
24 **Program, the Weatherization Assistance Program, and the Rural Energy Savings Program.**

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26 **~~Support for Low Income Home Energy Assistance~~**

27 **~~We urge NRECA to work with Congress to continue authorization for the Low~~**
28 **~~Income Home Energy Assistance Program under the U.S. Department of Health and Human~~**
29 **~~Services, and recommend it be fully funded.~~**

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32 **Region Actions:**

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34 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8: Adopted.**

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36 **Regions 9; 2; 3; 10: Not Considered.** Voting delegates in Regions 9, 2, 3, and 10 adopted version
37 5-B and therefore did not consider this version since it presented practically the same question.
38 Robert’s Rules of Order (11th ed.) governs NRECA member meetings (NRECA Bylaw Article
39 IX). Robert’s Rules provides that, “Motions are ... improper when they present practically the
40 same question as a motion previously decided at the same session.” (Section 39 “Improper
41 Motions,” page 343, lines 24-26).

1 **(5-B) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution**

2 *Submitted by the Region 9 Resolutions Committee during the Regions 7 and 9 Meetings*

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5 **Explanation:** This version strikes the word rural and adds “in Cooperative Communities” in the
6 title, and strikes the word “rural” before “poverty issues” in the first sentence. See the explanation
7 at 5-A for more information regarding the resolution as originally forwarded.
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10 **Support for Efforts to Address Poverty in Cooperative Communities**

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12 **We urge NRECA to work with its members to understand available data, federal**
13 **assistance, and other cooperative or utility programs and solutions that help advance efforts**
14 **to address poverty issues within the NRECA membership given that electric cooperatives**
15 **provide electricity to 92 percent of the United States’ counties identified as having**
16 **“persistent poverty.”**

17 **We further urge NRECA to continue to support, promote and provide guidance on**
18 **energy assistance programs and activities, such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance**
19 **Program, the Weatherization Assistance Program, and the Rural Energy Savings Program.**
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21 **~~Support for Low Income Home Energy Assistance~~**

22 **~~We urge NRECA to work with Congress to continue authorization for the Low~~**
23 **~~Income Home Energy Assistance Program under the U.S. Department of Health and Human~~**
24 **~~Services, and recommend it be fully funded.~~**
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27 **Region Actions:**

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29 **Regions 9; 2; 3; 10: Adopted.**

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31 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8: Not Considered.** This version was introduced at the Region 9
32 Resolutions Committee meeting, after Regions 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 met. Voting delegates in Region 8
33 adopted version 5-A and therefore did not consider this version since it presented practically the
34 same question. Robert’s Rules of Order (11th ed.) governs NRECA member meetings (NRECA
35 Bylaw Article IX). Robert’s Rules provides that, “Motions are ... improper when they present
36 practically the same question as a motion previously decided at the same session.” (Section 39
37 “Improper Motions,” page 343, lines 24-26).

1 **(6) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution – Forwarded by the National Resolutions**
2 **Committee with a Recommendation for Adoption**

3 *Submitted by the Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, with amendments by the National*
4 *Resolutions Committee; Submitted by Mohave Electric Cooperative, Arizona, and developed by*
5 *the National Preference Customer Committee*
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8 **National Resolutions Committee Explanation:** The Committee recommends for the adoption of
9 these proposed amendments. The proposed amendment in the first paragraph, submitted by the
10 Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association and amended by the Committee, emphasizes
11 supporting and protecting the electric grid. The proposed amendment to add a new fourth
12 paragraph, submitted by Mohave Electric Cooperative, Arizona, and developed by the National
13 Preference Customer Committee, merges language from existing resolutions “Opposition to the
14 Sale of Federal Power Marketing Administrations” (No. 6.2, p. 17) and “Support for Preference
15 Power and Full Development of Hydroelectric Power Resources” (No. 6.3, p. 18). (See also
16 Proposed Amendments 7 and 8, below, for additional amendments related to these existing
17 resolutions.)
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20 **POWER SUPPLY**
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22 We support outcomes that ensure that each electric cooperative can access, develop,
23 construct, produce, and/or purchase a mix of power supply resources that they conclude best
24 enables them to provide their member-owners with safe, secure, reliable, and affordable electric
25 service. Resource portfolios differ substantially across the country, between cooperatives, and
26 among neighboring utilities. Maintaining resource diversity and flexibility is critical. **We also**
27 **support retention of existing resilient and dispatchable resources, including adequate**
28 **dispatchable reserves, that protect the integrity and reliability of the electric grid.**

29 Providing reliable, affordable, and responsible electricity remains the shared commitment
30 of all NRECA members. Cooperatives are committed to generating power as efficiently and cost-
31 effectively as possible using an “all-of-the-above” approach.

32 Diversity of electric generation is essential to meeting member-owners’ expectations.
33 Consistent with that approach, electric cooperatives explore all ideas that promote these core
34 principles as they work to meet the evolving energy needs of their communities. Every electric
35 cooperative is unique – from the local community it’s owned by and serves to how it decides to
36 power those homes, businesses, and farms and the innovative work it is undertaking. A
37 technology, program, or policy that works for one cooperative might not work for another.

38 **Many NRECA members meet their commitments to providing reliable, affordable**
39 **and responsible energy with resources operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and**
40 **the Bureau of Reclamation, and marketed by the federal Power Marketing Administrations.**
41 **Therefore, we support efforts to maximize the federal hydropower assets. We will continue**
42 **to work to improve the efficiency of federal power operations, protect the equity interest of**
43 **preference customers, preserve their competitive stance and resist unjustifiable increases in**
44 **electric rates to the ultimate consumer. We also support efforts by electric cooperatives to**
45 **engage in education programs to increase awareness and support for hydropower.**

46 Every cooperative’s power supply resource mix will vary greatly depending on existing
47 and available resources and assets, the impact on rates for member-owners, reliability

48 implications, geographic location, and other regional and local circumstances. Any policy
49 proposals regarding electric generation technology must provide long-term certainty and flexibility
50 that maintains energy diversity for electric cooperatives, protects reliability and security of the
51 electric grid, and minimizes undue economic impact for member-owners. Electric cooperative
52 member-owners should not be burdened with stranded assets that were developed based on federal
53 government policy directives.

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56 **Region Actions:**

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58 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 2; 3; 8; 10: Adopted.**

1 **(7) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution – Forwarded by the National Resolutions**
2 **Committee with a Recommendation for Adoption**

3 *Submitted by Mohave Electric Cooperative, Arizona, and developed by the National Preference*
4 *Customer Committee, with amendments by the National Resolutions Committee*
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7 **National Resolutions Committee Explanation:** The Committee recommends for the adoption of
8 this proposed amendment as amended by the Committee during the June 25, 2021 meeting. The
9 Committee added “Support for” to the title and added a “we urge” action statement consistent with
10 other existing resolutions. The first paragraph of this existing resolution has been merged into
11 Proposed Amendment 6 “Power Supply,” above. The second paragraph has been merged into
12 Proposed Amendment 8 “Protection of Preference Power,” below.
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15 **Support for FERC-Licensed Projects**

16 **~~Support for Preference Power and Full Development of Hydroelectric Power Resources~~**

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18 ~~We urge NRECA to work with Congress to maximize the federal hydropower assets.~~
19 ~~We support efforts by electric cooperatives to engage in education programs to increase~~
20 ~~awareness and support for hydropower.~~

21 ~~We also urge NRECA to work with Congress to appropriate funding sufficient to~~
22 ~~fully fund the federal hydropower program to ensure that preference power customers~~
23 ~~maintain cost based rates, and are not burdened with costs not directly related to generation,~~
24 ~~transmission and marketing federal hydropower.~~

25 With respect to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (~~FERC~~) licensing of
26 hydroelectric projects, ~~electric cooperatives should receive equal~~ we urge NRECA to support
27 preference rights for electric cooperatives along with that are equal to municipalities and state
28 agencies’ rights.
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31 **Region Actions:**

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33 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 2; 3; 8; 10: Adopted.**

1 **(8) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution – Forwarded by the National Resolutions**
2 **Committee with a Recommendation for Adoption**

3 *Submitted by Mohave Electric Cooperative, Arizona, and developed by the National Preference*
4 *Customer Committee*
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7 **National Resolutions Committee Explanation:** The Committee recommends for the adoption of
8 this proposed amendment which retitles the resolution and merges existing resolutions “Protection
9 of Preference Power” (No. 6.4; p. 18), “Support for Preference Power and Full Development of
10 Hydroelectric Power Resources” (No. 6.3; p. 18), “Opposition to the Sale of Federal Power
11 Marketing Administrations” (No. 6.2; p. 17) “Protection of Federal Hydropower Customers
12 Through Proper Allocation of Dam Repair Costs” (No. 6.8; p. 19), and “Change of Federal
13 Purpose and Reallocation” (No. 6.10; p. 20). Consistent with other title amendments, the
14 Committee added “Support for.” (See also Proposed Amendments 6 and 7, above, for additional
15 amendments related to existing resolution “Support for Preference Power and Full Development
16 of Hydroelectric Power Resources”.)
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19 **Support for the Federal Power Program**
20 **Protection of Preference Power**
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22 **We urge NRECA to oppose the sale, transfer or other disposal of the federal Power**
23 **Marketing Administrations (PMAs) or any assets of the PMAs.**

24 **We urge NRECA to work with Congress to appropriate funding sufficient to fully**
25 **fund the federal hydropower program to ensure that preference power customers maintain**
26 **cost based rates, and are not burdened with costs not directly related to generation,**
27 **transmission and marketing federal hydropower.**

28 We urge NRECA to work with Congress and the U.S. Department of Energy to ensure that
29 no initiative hinders the core statutory mission of the ~~Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs)~~
30 to market and deliver power to their preference customers.

31 We support the retention of the historical principles of cost-based federal power pricing
32 and support federal power rates that recover only those costs that are authorized by statute. We
33 urge NRECA to work with Congress to continue to block administrative decisions and others that
34 abandon the fair, reasonable and equitable principles that have guided the pricing of federal power
35 for nearly a century.

36 Where federal projects are not authorized for hydropower, we also urge NRECA to work
37 with other preference power customer groups to ensure equitable sharing of benefits and costs
38 when new hydropower developers gain access.

39 We oppose changes in the allocation or sale of federal or state preference power that would
40 expand rights to this power to non-traditional customers.

41 ~~We further urge NRECA to oppose any policies that would assign to preference~~
42 ~~customers a monetary burden resulting from an oversupply event caused by excessive~~
43 ~~generation, Endangered Species Act restrictions and state and/or federal subsidies.~~

44 ~~We further urge NRECA to oppose any policies resulting from business constructs or~~
45 ~~structured markets that would assign a monetary burden that exceeds the direct benefits~~
46 ~~that the preference customers experience.~~

47 **We urge NRECA to urge Congress and the Administration to direct the U.S. Army**
48 **Corps of Engineers to follow the directives of the Dam Safety Act of 1986 in allocating the**
49 **costs associated with dam safety repairs among multiple project purposes.**

50 **We urge NRECA to support necessary actions by Congress to require the U.S. Army**
51 **Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation to conform their policies to authorized**
52 **congressional purposes and to require meaningful due process and consultation regarding**
53 **all significant modifications in the operation of multipurpose federal resource projects.**

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56 **Region Actions:**

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58 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 2; 3; 8; 10: Adopted.**

1 **(9) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution – Forwarded by the National Resolutions**
2 **Committee with a Recommendation for Adoption**

3 *Submitted by Mohave Electric Cooperative, Arizona, and developed by the National Preference*
4 *Customer Committee*

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7 **National Resolutions Committee Explanation:** The Committee recommends for the adoption of
8 this proposed amendment which retitles the resolution and merges existing resolution “The
9 Columbia River Treaty” (No. 6.7; p. 19) as a new last sentence. Consistent with other title
10 amendments, the Committee added “Support for the.”

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13 **Support for the Columbia River System**

14 ~~**Support for a Legislative Solution to Protect the Multipurpose Benefits of the Dams that**~~
15 ~~**Make Up the Federal Columbia River Power System**~~

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17 We urge NRECA to work with its members to support a legislative solution protecting the
18 multipurpose benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System, most importantly, the
19 system’s reliable, economical and carbon-free power supply.

20 **We urge NRECA to work with its members to support a fair and equitable Columbia**
21 **River Treaty for Pacific Northwest electricity consumers.**

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24 **Region Actions:**

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26 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 2; 3; 8; 10: Adopted.**

1 **(10-A) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution**

2 *Submitted by Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Virginia, during the Regions 1 and 4 Meetings*
3 *(see below “Region Actions” for explanation)*

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6 **Natural Gas Reliability and Gas/Power Market Alignment**
7 **Alignment of Gas and Power Markets**

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9 **We urge NRECA to support legislation to establish mandatory reliability standards**
10 **for the natural gas pipeline industry.**

11 We **also** urge NRECA to work with gas and electric industry participants to support the
12 development of standards that promote harmonizing changes to market scheduling and
13 procurement processes that will improve the reliability and economic efficiency of using natural
14 gas as a generation fuel.

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17 **Region Actions:**

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19 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 7; 2; 3; 8: Adopted.**

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21 **Region 6: Not Adopted.** The Region 6 Resolutions Committee made “no recommendation”
22 regarding this resolution with the explanation that, “The Committee questioned establishing
23 ‘mandatory’ reliability standards for another industry, noted this proposal being introduced at the
24 Region 1 and 4 meeting and not being previously reviewed by the National Resolutions
25 Committee during its June 2021 meeting, and supported the National Resolutions Committee
26 discussing the proposal during its January 2022 meeting.”

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28 **Region 9: Not Adopted.** The Region 9 Resolutions Committee recommended against the
29 adoption of this resolution with the explanation that, “The Committee questioned establishing
30 ‘mandatory’ reliability standards for another industry and noted the original language in the
31 existing resolution is sufficient.”

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33 **Region 10: Not Considered.** Voting delegates in Region 10 adopted version 10-B and therefore
34 did not consider this version since it presented practically the same question. Robert’s Rules of
35 Order (11th ed.) governs NRECA member meetings (NRECA Bylaw Article IX). Robert’s Rules
36 provides that, “Motions are ... improper when they present practically the same question as a
37 motion previously decided at the same session.” (Section 39 “Improper Motions,” page 343, lines
38 24-26).

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40 **Submitting Member Explanation:** The resolution [...] calls for NRECA to support mandatory
41 reliability standards for the natural gas pipeline industry, similar to the reliability standards the
42 electric industry follows. Our rationale involves both a business component and a political
43 component.

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45 From the business side, many cooperatives and other utilities are increasingly using natural gas to
46 generate electricity. It is often referred to as a bridge fuel to get to a lower CO2-intensive electric
47 generation profile. To reliably generate power requires that pipelines deliver natural gas to those

48 generation facilities at the time the power needs to be generated since there is no real on-site
49 storage at power plants for natural gas. As electric utilities, we have mandatory reliability
50 standards we must meet, but unfortunately the natural gas pipeline industry does not have similar
51 standards. ODEC has identified the risk of a natural gas pipeline disruption as one of the key risks
52 we face as a power generation cooperative, and that the risk could be mitigated significantly if
53 pipelines had similar reliability standards they would have to meet.

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55 The political rationale is also straightforward. Given the events in Texas (and other states) this
56 past February, coupled with the Colonial Pipeline cyber-attack, we believe now is a good time to
57 have a political discussion over whether natural gas pipelines should have standards similar to the
58 electric utility industry. Too many components of our economy are dependent upon either natural
59 gas directly, or the power generated from natural gas. As we saw in Texas, it can be a life-or-
60 death situation. [...] So we believe now is a good time to address the issue, and to do so from a
61 heavily consumer-focused perspective.

1 **(10-B) Proposed Amendment to Existing Resolution**

2 *Submitted by Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Virginia, Region 1; Adopted by Regions 1 and*
3 *4; Amendment submitted by Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Texas and forwarded by the*
4 *Region 10 Resolutions Committee*

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7 **Natural Gas Reliability and Gas/Power Market Alignment**

8 **Alignment of Gas and Power Markets**

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10 **We urge NRECA to support legislation to establish mandatory reliability standards**
11 **for the natural gas pipeline industry and extreme weather preparedness standards for the**
12 **transport, production, processing, gathering and storage of natural gas.**

13 We **also** urge NRECA to work with gas and electric industry participants to support the
14 development of standards that promote harmonizing changes to market scheduling and
15 procurement processes that will improve the reliability and economic efficiency of using natural
16 gas as a generation fuel.

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19 **Region Actions:**

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21 **Region 10: Adopted.**

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23 **Regions 1; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 2; 3; 8: Not Considered.** This version was introduced at the Region 10
24 Resolutions Committee meeting, after Regions 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 2, 3, and 8 met.

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26 **Submitting Member Explanation:** [The proposed amendment] calls for NRECA to support
27 mandatory reliability standards for the natural gas pipeline industry similar to the reliability
28 standards the electric industry follows. Golden Spread would like to amend the resolution to also
29 include extreme weatherization standards for facilities used in the transport, production,
30 processing, gathering and storage of natural gas. These facilities play a key role in securing the
31 natural gas supply chain to electric generation. Mandatory weatherization standards for these
32 facilities have been recommended by FERC and NERC in their recently issued report on the 2021
33 Winter Storm.