

NEPPA Resolution 2024-01

Provide Compliance Flexibility in Emissions Reduction Requirements

WHEREAS, scientific evidence points to greenhouse gas emissions from human activity, including the production of electricity, are affecting the Earth's climate in ways that are projected to cause extreme weather events, sea level rise, and human health impacts, and;

Whereas, policymakers have a strong interest in advancing measures to reduce emissions from the electric sector, and;

Whereas, public power utilities in the Northeast share a commitment to emissions reduction, as evidenced by participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and utility-level carbon reduction measures over the past several decades, and;

Whereas, emissions reduction measures can have a material impact on the cost of electricity for consumers, and;

Whereas, inaction by utilities in other regions has in some instances put them at a competitive advantage in attracting industry, then;

Be it now

RESOLVED, that the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA):

1. Supports federal efforts to address climate change, recognizing that measures which may directly affect the electric sector may be necessary.
2. Encourages any emissions reduction requirements be crafted with realistic targets and timelines that take into consideration such things as reliability, market rule changes, costs to consumers, and transmission infrastructure requirements.
3. Supports inclusion of flexible compliance alternatives, mechanisms that provide credit for early action, and financial tools to facilitate utilities' emissions reduction and decarbonization projects.
4. Encourages harmonization of federal policies with state- and local-level emissions reduction programs.

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