NEPPA Resolution 2026-01
Support a Well-Funded and Capable Federal Disaster Response System

WHEREAS, extreme weather events cause significant damage to property and utility infrastructure each year, and;

Whereas, preparation for disasters and expeditious restoration of power after an outage can save lives and support other disaster response capabilities, and;

Whereas, federal assistance is necessary to ensure adequate funding and coordination for disaster response, and;

Whereas, consumer-owned utilities need a well-funded and capable federal response system that is predictable, accountable, and effective, then;

Be it now

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

1. Advocates for funding for disaster response, particularly timely, non-discriminatory, and complete reimbursement for utility losses and mutual aid deployments.
2. Advocates for streamlining processes and improving the effectiveness and functionality of the federal disaster response and preparedness agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
3. Advocates for disaster response frameworks and emergency assistance to reflect public power and cooperative utilities' needs.

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