NEPPA Resolution 2026-05
Support Federal Permitting Reform

WHEREAS, permitting energy projects has become unduly burdensome, costly, and time-consuming, and;

Whereas, the current permitting process allows multiple chokepoints for delays and litigation that drive up the cost of projects, and;

Whereas, streamlining the processes under statutes such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, and National Historic Preservation Act can provide faster decision-making while still protecting the environment, and;

Whereas, multiple layers of responsibility for hydropower relicensing drive up the costs and timeline for maintaining these resources, and;

Whereas, Congress must speak with specificity to outline an improved permitting regime across multiple statutes, then;

Be it now

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

1. Supports reforming permitting statutes to streamline the process for permitting and licensing energy projects subject to local stakeholder input;
2. Supports the primary role of local decision-making on siting issues; and
3. Supports reasonable constraints on the use of procedural statutes to delay projects on non-substantive grounds, including limiting frivolous litigation.