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APPA CALLS FOR PRESERVATION OF TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING; SEEKS FLEXIBILITY IN EPA'S REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 13, 2012 - Members of the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Legislative & Resolutions Committee today approved nine resolutions at its annual Legislative Rally, including resolutions calling for the preservation of tax-exempt financing for states and local governments and seeking flexibility in EPA's regulatory requirements to ensure electric reliability.

With regard to tax-exempt financing, there have been several recent proposals to weaken or eliminate the tax-exemption for municipal bonds or replace them with other financing tools. APPA continues to oppose these efforts and support legislation to provide adequate flexibility for public power utilities to most effectively use tax-exempt bonds such as easing private use restrictions.

APPA is also concerned about the possible adverse reliability implications for regional electric systems if recently promulgated and proposed EPA regulations go into effect within proposed time frames. As a result, APPA strongly supports efforts to maintain and improve the reliability of the nation's electric grid and urges FERC, in conjunction with NERC, to undertake a comprehensive, region-by-region review of the potential adverse impacts of impending EPA regulations on the reliable operation of the bulk electric system.

Other resolutions include support for the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future on better managing nuclear waste and support for expanding America's renewable hydropower resources.

More than 600 locally elected and appointed officials, legislative experts, and APPA members attended the rally March 12-14.

The approved resolutions (available in the [APPA Newsroom](#)) are as follows:

[Resolution 12-01](#): In Support of the Preservation of Tax-Exempt Financing

[Resolution 12-02](#): FERC's Transmission Rate Incentive Policy

[Resolution 12-03](#): Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 Should Apply to All Federal Agencies

[Resolution 12-04](#): In Support of More Time to Comply with EPA's Regulations of Electric Generating Units under NESHAP

[Resolution 12-05](#): In Support of Flexibility in EPA's Regulatory Requirements to Ensure Electric Reliability

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[Resolution 12-06](#): In Support of the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future on Better Managing Nuclear Waste

[Resolution 12-07](#): EPA Should Consider Feasibility, Cost, and Other Factors When Revising Effluent Limitation Guidelines

[Resolution 12-08](#): In Support of Expanding America's Renewable Hydropower Resources

[Resolution 12-09](#): In Support of Preference

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