



## News Release

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### **APPA CALLS FOR GREATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN MODEL NATIONAL BUILDING CODES; SEEKS PROTECTION FOR END-USERS IN DODD-FRANK IMPLEMENTATION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., March 1, 2011** - Members of the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Legislative & Resolutions Committee today approved 11 resolutions at its annual Legislative Rally, including calling for increased energy efficiency in model national building codes and seeking protection for end-users in the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

With regard to energy efficient building codes, APPA believes that more efficient buildings will result in reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, reduce electric utilities' need to build or contract for new power generation, reduce associated demands on the power grid and stress on natural gas supplies, improve local air quality, and save money for electric consumers.

As the Commodity Futures Trading Commission develops the regulations required to implement the Dodd-Frank Act, there are some important elements that are critical to public power systems' continued ability to stabilize energy supplies and keep prices reasonable for consumers. Many public power systems use over-the-counter derivatives to hedge the prices of natural gas, electricity, and other energy and energy-related commodities. By entering into a hedging transaction, a public power system can effectively lock in the price of a commodity and ensure that the utility will not face substantial losses or be faced with having to pass higher costs through via rate adjustments to consumers should the market price of the commodity increase substantially.

Other resolutions include support for coordination among federal agencies and utilities with regard to smart grid implementation and efforts to maintain and improve the reliability of the nation's electric grid.

More than 500 locally elected and appointed officials, legislative experts, and APPA members attended the rally Feb. 28-March 3.

The approved resolutions (available at [www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org)) are as follows:

**Resolution 11-01:** Public Power Concerns with Implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act

**Resolution 11-02:** In Support of Coordination among Federal Agencies and Electric Utilities Regarding Smart Grid Implementation

**Resolution 11-03:** In Support of Increasing Energy Efficiency in Model National Building Codes

**Resolution 11-04:** Support for Property Assessed Clean Energy Program

**Resolution 11-05:** Cooling Water Intake Structures – CWA Section 316(b) Regulation as an Industry Economic and Strategic Priority

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**Resolution 11-06:** Clean Air Act and EPA's Discretionary Authority to Set Standards, Revise Standards, and Impose Deadlines for Compliance

**Resolution 11-07:** Regarding Reasonable EPA Regulation of Electric Generating Units Under NESHAP

**Resolution 11-08:** In Support of Reasonable Operational Limits for Municipal Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine Distributed Generation Units Covered by EPA's National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants

**Resolution 11-09:** In Support of Holistic Policy Approach on Integration of Variable Energy Resources

**Resolution 11-10:** Public Power Concerns Regarding Implementation of "MOD" Reliability Standards in the Western Interconnection

**Resolution 11-11:** In Support of Efforts to Maintain and Improve The Reliability of the Nation's Electric Grid

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