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**In Support of Reliable and Affordable Energy Infrastructure**

1 More than 54 million people in over 2,000 towns and cities nationwide receive their power from  
2 community-owned, not-for-profit public power utilities. To provide reliable and affordable power, public  
3 power utilities own and operate an extensive infrastructure network, including generation, transmission,  
4 and distribution. Maintaining robust, reliable infrastructure is critical to public power to safeguard the  
5 health, safety, and welfare of their communities while supporting the businesses that fuel domestic  
6 economic growth.

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8 Public power utilities face many challenges as they work to maintain reliable and affordable electric  
9 service, including unprecedented demand growth due to artificial intelligence, data centers, and  
10 transportation electrification, supply chain constraints, the integration of distributed energy resources and  
11 intermittent renewable generation, and the mitigation of physical and cybersecurity risks. These  
12 challenges require significant infrastructure investment in the coming years and decades.

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14 Recognizing the critical importance of energy and power infrastructure, Congress included significant  
15 funding for programs like the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships  
16 (GRIP) Program, Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance  
17 (RMUC) Program, and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program in the most recent  
18 federal infrastructure bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58).  
19 Hundreds of public power utilities received funding from these and other infrastructure funding programs,  
20 allowing them to make critical investments to improve reliability and resilience and increase efficiency  
21 and security, all while keeping rates affordable for their customers. However, the need for energy  
22 infrastructure investment continues to outpace the availability of funding, with many utilities not  
23 receiving the necessary funding or lacking the resources to apply for funding at all.

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** That the American Public Power Association  
26 (APPA) strongly supports efforts to maintain a reliable and robust energy grid throughout the United  
27 States, which is essential to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public and to supporting  
28 domestic economic growth; and  
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That APPA supports efforts in Congress to invest in energy and grid infrastructure that will ensure reliable and affordable power for public power utilities and their customers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That APPA believes that investments in energy infrastructure are not only vital in ensuring reliable and affordable electricity today but are also critical to helping public power utilities meet rising electricity demand, protect our electricity system from physical and cybersecurity risks, and restore power to homes and businesses following extreme weather; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That APPA believes that federal support for energy infrastructure, including, but not limited to technical assistance, grants, research, development, and deployment programs, loans, or incentive payments, should utilize simple, streamlined, and transparent applications, that allow for broad access and provide the necessary flexibility for not-for-profit utilities, especially those with limited resources, to ensure the benefits of infrastructure investments are accessible to all public power utilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That APPA supports ongoing federal investment and support for the energy infrastructure that public power needs to provide their communities with reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity.