

APPA and Federal Hydropower

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Overview

- APPA, the American Public Power Association (APPA): trade association for the more than 2,000 community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities providing service to 47 mil Americans in 49 states. Many of our members purchase power from Corps projects
 - Approx. 1,200 public power systems and rural electric cooperatives in 33 states.
- We, along with NRECA, advocate for federal hydro customers in Congress and with the Administration

Areas of Advocacy

1. Congress

- Provide background on PMA customer issues to Committees of jurisdiction
 - Senate: Energy and Natural Resources
 - House: Natural Resources
- Energy and Water Appropriations' Bills
- WRDA/WRRDA

2. Administration

- Department of Energy
- Office of Management and Budget

Historic Challenges to PMA Customers

1. Clinton Administration proposal to sell PMAs
2. WAPA TIP program
 - Worked to ensure this did not detract from WAPA mission
3. Various proposals to move PMAs to market-based rates



Chu Memo

- March 16, 2012, DOE Secretary Steven Chu released a memo outlining proposed structural changes to PMAs
- Favored integration of renewables over historic principles of beneficiary pays and delivery of hydropower at cost-based rates
- APPA and NRECA push back in several forums
- High-water mark in joint PMA customer relations, cohesive federal strategy

Today

- Chu Memo a dead item within DOE?
- WRDA/WRRDA
- Western EIM
- TVA

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