

Mid-West Electric Consumers Association

2024 Priority Resolutions

Federal Power Marketing Administrations

Mid-West believes the core mission of WAPA is the delivery of federal hydropower to preference power customers. No other WAPA activities should detract from WAPA's core mission nor should costs associated with other activities be included in WAPA's preference power customers rates.

Mid-West vigorously opposes the sale of the federal power marketing administrations or divestiture of their power and transmission facilities.

We reaffirm our support for the longstanding congressionally approved standard of cost-based rates for electric power generated at federal projects.

We will, under all circumstances, work to improve the efficiency of federal power operations, protect the contractual federal power supply rights of its members, and resist any unjustifiable increases in electric rates to the ultimate consumers.

Net Zero Appropriation

Mid-West Electric Consumers Association (Mid-West) supports the Congressional budget scoring that allows a "net zero" appropriation for the annual expenses of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA).

Diversion of Federal Power Revenues

Mid-West urges Congress and the Administration to adhere to principles and policies of federal law governing designation of project uses, allocation of costs and irrigation assistance repayment for existing and future federal projects related to the Missouri River Pick Sloan program.

Pick-Sloan Rates

Mid-West supports collaborative efforts between the federal power customers, the Western Area Power Administration, the Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation to provide timely and standardized financial reports. We also support setting Pick-Sloan hydroelectric rates at levels sufficient to assure repayment of responsibilities to the U.S. Treasury and payment of appropriate annual operating expenses while recognizing the long-term effects of varying hydrologic conditions. We urge each of the federal agencies that are funded from Pick-Sloan revenues to aggressively pursue cost containment strategies.

Pick-Sloan Ultimate Development

Mid-West is committed to the regional benefits and cost-sharing of the “ultimate development” concept defined by the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (Pick-Sloan), including cost-based hydroelectric rates, and federal control, ownership and marketing of hydroelectricity according to preference laws.

Mid-West opposes any proposal to “cherry pick” repayment of the Pick-Sloan investment through reallocation of irrigation costs to power customers and insists that Congress continue to honor the “ultimate development” concept cost allocations by resisting all suggestions that portions of the federal investment be repaid before they are scheduled.

Colorado-Big Thompson Water Clarity

Mid-West calls upon the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to accurately assess the impacts of lost hydroelectric generation from the Colorado-Big Thompson Project (C-BT), including the potential increases in carbon dioxide output resulting from replacing that lost C-BT generation, and to reject alternatives for increasing the clarity of Grand Lake that could result in the reduction of electric generating capacity from the C-BT Project.