

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING) RESOLUTION NO. 81-242
RECOMMENDATION TO THE PACIFIC)
NORTHWEST ELECTRIC POWER AND) Introduced by
CONSERVATION PLANNING COUNCIL) Councilor Kirkpatrick

WHEREAS, The Ninety Sixth Congress of the United States of America has passed the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act; and

WHEREAS, One specific purpose of the Act is:

"to provide for the participation and consultation of the Pacific Northwest States, local governments, consumers, customers, users of the Columbia River System (including Federal and State fish and wildlife agencies and appropriate Indian tribes), and the public at large within the region in--

"(A) the development of regional plans and programs related to energy conservation, renewable resources, other resources, and protecting, mitigating, and enhancing fish and wildlife resources,

"(B) facilitating the orderly planning of the region's power system, and

"(C) providing environmental quality;"

WHEREAS, The Act establishes a Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council mandated to prepare and adopt a regional conservation and electric power plan within two years; and

WHEREAS, The Act authorizes the Planning Council and the BPA Administrator "...to contract, in accordance with applicable law, with such agencies, entities, tribes and (political) subdivisions individually, in groups, or through associations

thereof to:

- A) investigate possible measures to be included in the Plan
- B) provide public involvement and information regarding the proposed plan or amendment thereto, and
- C) provide services which will assist in the implementation of the plan."; and

WHEREAS, Local governments through their regional associations can assist the Planning Council to develop the regional conservation and electric power plan in the most efficient, cost-effective and coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, Local governments and regional associations are concerned at the minimum amount of money which has been allocated in the FY 81 BPA supplemental budget for their use; and

WHEREAS, Local governments and regional associations are further concerned by a BPA staff interpretation which restricts their eligibility for these limited funds. An interpretation that is clearly contrary to both the spirit and the purpose of the Act; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District make the following recommendation to the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council:

- a. That the amount of money allocated by BPA in FY 81 for use by local governments and regional associations is inadequate. Ten percent of the total budget for implementing the Act would be

appropriate.

- b. All local governments and regional associations within the BPA region are equal in their responsibility to the people of the Pacific Northwest and should, therefore, be equally eligible for funds allocated for implementing the Act.
- c. Cooperation between utilities and local governments is essential to ensure cost-effectiveness and avoid duplication. This cooperation may be achieved using the A-95 Review process which is already established.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 23 day of April, 1981.



Presiding Officer

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