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LPPC: Strong Support for Obama Commitment to Increase Electricity from Clean Energy Sources

In a letter to President Obama, the Large Public Power Council (LPPC) affirmed its “strong support” for the President’s “commitment to increase electricity generated from a broad range of clean energy sources to better position the US as a global leader in developing and manufacturing cutting-edge clean energy technology.”

“As an organization,” the LPPC told the President, “we welcome the opportunity to work with you and the Congress to help achieve your clean energy goals for the nation. We stand ready to assist.”

“The LPPC has long believed that technological innovation is a key to achieving our national clean energy aspirations,” stated Jorge Carrasco, Chair of the LPPC. “We want to work constructively to achieve increased funding for: new technology R&D, incentives for energy efficiency, renewable energy and nuclear energy – as well as comparable federal financing tools for large public power utilities.”

“LPPC members are working to provide our customers electricity that is reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible,” the letter stated. “We are actively reducing greenhouse gases and lowering electric bills through conservation, energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources.”

The LPPC’s membership includes 25 of the nation’s largest publicly owned, not-for-profit energy systems. Member utilities own and operate more than 86,000 megawatts of generation capacity and over 35,000 circuit miles of high voltage transmission lines. LPPC members provide power to some of the largest cities in the country including Los Angeles, Seattle, Omaha, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Sacramento, San Antonio, Orlando and Austin.

Together, LPPC members control 90% of the public agency-owned, but non-federal, transmission investment in the nation.

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