



NW Energy Coalition

for a clean and affordable energy future

NW Energy Coalition Resolution on Forest Biomass for Electricity Generation

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WHEREAS the use of forest biomass for electricity generation has received increased attention in recent years, and

WHEREAS the Coalition is committed to reducing greenhouse gases and advancing a clean energy economy, and

WHEREAS all energy generation, including renewable energy, has impacts and must be developed in the most environmentally responsible manner possible, and

WHEREAS forest biomass generation projects vary widely in terms of site-specific factors, and

WHEREAS producing energy with forest biomass utilizes a resource that provides other competing ecosystem benefits and services for our region, and

WHEREAS electricity from forest biomass must be produced in ways that:

- Protect natural resources and landscapes
- Protect air quality
- Preserve water quality
- Maintain public health
- Reduce carbon impacts on climate
- Maximize efficiency

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NW Energy Coalition adopts the following document entitled Forest Biomass Guidance for Use in Electricity Production to assist staff and Coalition members as they pursue policies in support of environmentally responsible renewable resource development.