# AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. RESOLUTION 20-05-4190 POLICY POSITION FOR CARBON REDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, AMP and its members are committed to the balance of being responsible corporate citizens, governmental entities, employers and environmental stewards, while maintaining a supply of cost-competitive, reliable electric power, and

WHEREAS, to help guide the organization, AMP's Board of Trustees adopted Environmental Stewardship Principles in 2005 which were later revised as Sustainability Principles and re-adopted in 2011 and updated in 2018, and

WHEREAS, AMP and its members own, in whole or in part, fossil fueled generation assets (i.e. AMP Fremont Energy Center, Prairie State Energy Campus, peaking generation units) as well as renewable, emission-free assets (i.e. hydropower, solar, wind, energy efficiency), and

WHEREAS, the likelihood of climate change and/or carbon-focused policy activity and legislation progressing at the state and federal level is increasing, and

WHEREAS, AMP supports transmission system open access and well-functioning, competitive markets to ensure the supply of cost-competitive, reliable electric power,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMP Board of Trustees supports policies to reduce carbon emissions if done in such a way as to maintain a reliable electric grid, ensure affordable electric rates for retail customers, and provide consistency, fairness and equitable treatment of public power. To that end, any future carbon reduction policies or legislative efforts should:

## • Be economy-wide

All sectors of the economy, including electric power, transportation, industry, residential and commercial buildings, agriculture, etc. should be included, and actions across sectors should be meaningful, encouraged and supported.

## • Be technology neutral and flexible

Any outcome-based carbon reduction goals should provide for establishing flexible, technology-neutral solutions that will support affordable and reliable power. In addition, legislation should avoid mandates that rely on technologies that are not commercially demonstrated or economically feasible.

# • Recognize regional differences

Distinct regional differences must be recognized and supported to manage the impacts of carbon reductions.

#### • Encourage market-based solutions

When and where possible, allow true market solutions to achieve policy objectives.

#### • Support research, development, deployment and commercialization

Congress should provide support for the commercialization of new technologies that may be needed as the economy reduces carbon emissions, including efforts to reduce, capture, transform, transport, or sequester carbon emissions.

# • Provide financial resources, tools and incentives

Ensure financing tools and incentives necessary to develop long-term integrated resource plans and make associated investments in grid modernization are provided on a comparable basis to all sectors of the electric utility industry, including public power. Any financing tools, investments and incentives provided to support non-emitting sources of electricity, energy storage, electrification, affordability, reliability and/or resilience (including actions to adapt to the effects of climate change) should account for public power and provide equitable treatment.

## • Recognize early action

Investments already made by public power utilities should be recognized and appropriately credited in any state or federal policy and/or legislative implementation.

# • Provide a glidepath

Provide an appropriate glidepath with flexibility and technical and financial assistance to communities and workers that depend economically on fossil-fuel fired power plants, and utilities that own or purchase power from such plants. Ensure that not-for-profit utilities with existing debt on fossil-fuel fired power plants are not economically harmed if those plants are required to scale back production or retire before their financing is paid off.

# • Support demand-side measures

Support demand-side measures to reduce GHG emissions, including increased energy efficiency and demand response measures and the beneficial electrification of new loads that reduce overall energy intensity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the AMP Board of Trustees that additional, more detailed resolutions will be considered by the Board as significant new guidance becomes available on major items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the AMP Board of Trustees that AMP staff and counsel will work to maintain a high level of engagement in the development of comments for proposed legislation, regulatory rules and associated state plans, and that AMP members will receive regular updates through publications and presentations.

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