



Federal Policy Conference

April 27–May 1, 2025 • Washington, DC •

Sunday •• April 27th

6:30 pm

NCPA/NWPPA Opening Reception and Dinner

Fig and Olive • [934 Palmer Alley NW](#) | Provence Room, Second Floor

Monday •• April 28th

8:00 am—10:00 am

NWPPA Member Briefing and Breakfast • [Peacock Lounge, Willard Hotel](#)

8:30 am—10:00 am

NCPA Member Breakfast Available • [Crystal Room, Willard Hotel](#)

8:30 am—9:45 am

Conference Registration • [Crystal Room, Willard Hotel](#)

9:45 am—10:00 am

Welcome to the 2025 Federal Policy Conference • [Crystal Room, Willard Hotel](#)

- The Honorable James “Bo” Sheppard | Chair, NCPA Commission; Mayor, City of Biggs, California
- John Haarlow | President, NWPPA Board of Trustees; CEO/General Manager, Snohomish County Public Utility District No. 1, Everett, Washington

10:00 am—10:50 am

An Insider’s Take on Today’s Congress

As a longtime friend of public power, and former chair of the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee during President Trump’s first term, Greg Walden brings unique and invaluable insights into the dynamics of today’s Congress as well as the Administration’s current energy policy objectives.

- The Honorable Greg Walden | Chairman, Alpine Advisors DC; Former Member of the US House of Representatives (R-OR) and Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee

10:50 am—11:20 am **Shaping Policy While Navigating a Dynamic Energy Policy Landscape**

With grant funding, the future of needed tax incentives and credits, and the federal agencies we depend on for federal power hanging in the balance, our national trade associations are working hard to educate policymakers about the importance of these federal programs to the consumers we serve. Hear from one of consumer-owned power's most impactful advocates on where these critical issues stand, and how we can be most effective in shaping energy policy during our time in the Nation's Capital.

- **Scott Corwin** | President and CEO, American Public Power Association

11:20 am—12:00 pm **A Legislative Lay of the Land on Energy Tax Policies**

Two of consumer-owned power's most prominent and highly-regarded thought leaders and lobbyists on energy tax policy issues join us to share their insights on the future of our hard-won elective pay provisions as well as the tax incentives of the Inflation Reduction Act. While this topic isn't typically considered to be captivating, Mark and John bring an interesting take on the issues, a passion for ensuring our positions are understood by Congress and the Administration, and even a little levity to deciphering the intricacies of tax policy. Be sure to bring your questions, as these experts will have the answers.

- **Mark E. Warren** | Tax Counsel and Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, Washington, DC
- **John Godfrey** | Senior Government Relations Director, American Public Power Association

12:00 pm—1:00 pm **Luncheon Banquet and Keynote Presentation • [Pierce Room, Willard Hotel](#)**

Electricity demand is growing at unprecedented rates across North America, and power grid operators are increasingly being asked by policymakers to support such growth. Operational and policy challenges stand in the way, but reliability cannot be compromised while society relies more heavily on electricity to power our future. Hear from the leader of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) about the challenges of today's energy transition and what NERC is doing to ensure that more than 400 million people in North America continue to receive safe and reliable power for years to come.

- **Jim Robb** | President and Chief Executive Officer, North American Electric Reliability Corporation

1:00 pm—2:00 pm

Legislative Staff Panel: The Energy Policy Priorities of the 119th Congress

Energy policy is in a state of rapid evolution as policymakers grapple with the challenges of increasing load demand while confronting growing pressure on both reliability and affordability. Our region's Federal elected leaders and their staff are at the forefront of this dialogue. Hear from a bipartisan group of staff who are helping to shape and advance the policies that will impact utilities and their customers for years to come.

- **Annick Miller** | Staff Director, Water, Wildfire & Fisheries Subcommittee, House Natural Resources; Majority Staff
- **David Maestas** | Senior Legislative Assistant, Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)
- **Kris Pittard** | Professional Staff Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee, Minority Staff
- **Moderator: Kurt Miller** | Executive Director, Northwest Public Power Association

2:00 pm—2:15 pm

BREAK

2:15 pm—3:15 pm

Legislative Staff Panel: Charting the Future of Federal Wildfire Challenges

As wildfires grow in frequency and intensity, the implications for electric utilities—from liability concerns to regulatory and operational challenges—are increasingly significant. This panel brings together experienced congressional staff to provide insights into how federal policy is evolving around wildfire risk and utility liability. Panelists will share perspectives on recent legislative efforts, oversight priorities, and the potential for future collaboration between government and industry to enhance resilience and reduce risk.

- **Katie Devlin** | Policy Advisor, Senator Steve Daines (R-MT)
- **John Veale** | Executive Director, Congressional Western Caucus
- **Sean Mullin** | Professional Staff Member, Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee, Minority Staff
- **Nate Bentham** | Policy Advisor, Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA)
- **Moderator: Randy S. Howard** | General Manager, Northern California Power Agency

3:15 pm—4:00 pm

The Impact of Tariff Policies on Trade, the Economy, and the Utility Sector

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is responsible for developing and coordinating U.S. international trade, commodity, and direct investment policy, and overseeing trade negotiations with other countries. Trade and tariff policy is taking center stage as the Trump Administration seeks to reorder U.S. trade relationships. Join us for a discussion with Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Sushan Demirjian, to explore what the changing landscape means for the public power industry. Sushan Demirjian is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing U.S. trade policy related to a broad range of U.S. manufacturing and industrial sectors, such as information and communications technology, autos, capital goods, machinery and equipment, chemicals, energy, steel and other metals, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, forest products, and consumer products. She also oversees USTR's efforts to expand trade opportunities for U.S. small and medium-sized businesses.

- **Sushan Demirjian** | Assistant US Trade Representative for Small Business, Market Access, and Industrial Competitiveness; White House Office of the US Trade Representative

6:00 PM

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THE *Evolution* OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY

Douglas Brinkley | *Presidential Historian; Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and Professor of History, Rice University, Houston, Texas*

As one of America's leading presidential historians, Douglas Brinkley has written books on Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Theodore Roosevelt. In fact, CNN has called him "a man who knows more about the presidency than any human being alive." Brinkley shares his extensive knowledge of the Office of the Presidency and the men who have filled it. He paints a rich portrait of the past, offers unparalleled insight into our present, and imparts lessons from history that we should consider for the future.

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TUESDAY •• April 29th

7:30 am—9:30 am

NCPA/NWPPA Breakfast Available • [Pierce Room, Willard Hotel](#)

ALL DAY

NCPA and NWPPA meetings with Members of Congress, Congressional Staff, FERC Commissioners, and other agency officials.

12:00 pm—1:00 pm

NCPA/NWPPA Luncheon

• [Capitol Hill Club, 300 First Street, SE | Pennsylvania, Texas, Leaders Rooms](#)

Keynote Presentation by Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), Chair of the House of Representative's Western Caucus

Join us on Capitol Hill to hear from and honor one of consumer-owned power's most effective supporters in Congress. Congressman Doug LaMalfa has advanced key changes to US Forest Service policy related to wildfire prevention and suppression in his role as a member of the House Agriculture Committee. As the new Chair of the House Western Caucus, he plays an important role in moving legislation and interfacing with the Administration on behalf of California and states throughout the West. His leadership will be honored during our luncheon as he is awarded the 2025 Spirit of Public Power Award.

6:00 pm

NCPA/NWPPA Reception and Dinner

• [RARE Steakhouse and Tavern, 1595 | Street NW, Second Floor](#)

WEDNESDAY ••• April 30th

7:30 am—9:30 am

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ALL DAY

NCPA and NWPPA meetings with Members of Congress, Congressional Staff, FERC Commissioners, and other agency officials.

4:15 PM



Baltimore Orioles **VS** *New York Yankees*

NCPA/NWPPA Evening at Baltimore's Camden Yards

• [Bus will depart from in front of the Willard Hotel](#)

Enjoy a wonderful evening of baseball as the Baltimore Orioles take on the New York Yankees in Charm City. Vouchers for dinner in the ballpark included.

NWPPA ADJOURNS

THURSDAY ••• May 1st

HALF Day

NCPA meetings with Members of Congress, Congressional Staff, FERC Commissioners, and other agency officials.

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Save *the* Date

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