

## Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency

The NREA supports a thoughtful process to implementing new legislation and regulations relating to renewable energy development. NREA supports a process to develop a Nebraska Energy Policy that takes into account public power's role in providing low cost, reliable, environmentally responsible energy development.

- NREA opposes federal or state mandates that would impose minimum levels of alternative energy capacity, such as a Renewable Portfolio Standard.
- NREA supports the thoughtful development and implementation of state and federal incentives that support the development and installation of all types of renewable energy resources at all levels of production and customer use.
- NREA supports the 25 x 25 initiative that seeks to voluntarily reach a goal of having 25 percent of the U.S. energy resources come from the working lands of the United States.
- NREA supports the development of hydroelectric power resources and the inclusion of hydropower in the definition of renewable resources.

## Energy Conservation and Efficiency

The NREA supports programs to encourage public power entities and electric consumers to install/or promote the installation of high-efficiency and economically affordable electrical equipment and appliances through rate incentives or favorable tax treatment. NREA also supports cost-effective energy conservation programs and incentives that will help reduce electricity demand and defer the need for new generation.

- NREA supports the development and implementation of load-management programs to defer the need for development of more costly power resources.
- NREA supports smart grid technology. The deployment of smart grid technology that includes automated metering infrastructure and advanced two-way communications will provide for enhanced system reliability, improved electrical system efficiency and consumer resources such as smart thermostats and residential demand reduction programs that will reduce energy use at the consumer level.