



## Promoting the public power perspective

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Our [Strategic Plan](#) calls on NEPPA to, “actively promote the public power perspective to regional and national policymakers.” To accomplish this objective, we have focused on two key strategies: (1) to coordinate regional and national advocacy efforts and (2) to lead by example. In February, we realized these strategies by organizing meetings on Capitol Hill for more than 20 public power professionals and by adding an EV to the NEPPA fleet of vehicles.

As part of the APPA Legislative Rally, NEPPA organized a group to travel to Washington, DC from February 27 through March 1. These dedicated individuals met with elected officials and their aides to reinforce the important challenges facing our industry. They continued to educate policymakers about the impact of forward capacity markets, the need to maintain tax-exempt status for municipal bonds, and the importance of hydropower relicensing reform. NEPPA also co-sponsored an APPA resolution encouraging Congress to continue its oversight of FERC and the powers that Congress delegated to that authority. While investments in advocacy are often slow to show a return, we should all feel confident that our representatives in Congress are well informed on these issues.

NEPPA is also leading by example, replacing two aging SUVs with a 2017 Chevrolet Volt. We were aided in the procurement of this vehicle by Sagewell, a NEPPA affiliate member. “We were happy to assist NEPPA in purchasing an electric vehicle,” said Sagewell president Pasi Miettinen, “We are committed to working with public power entities to increase electric vehicle (EV) adoption. EVs are the future, and by combining EV adoption with smart meter analytics and load management, EVs can both reduce electric rates and improve the environment.”

We look forward to continuing our work both in Washington and here in New England to promote the public power perspective. Stay tuned for more information about how you can get involved!

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