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## **Board Policy on Power Supply Hedging Program**

The Authority is exposed to volatile energy commodity prices in the normal conduct of its operations. These costs to either purchase and deliver the fuel necessary to produce electricity in power plants owned or under contract to the Authority or to purchase power from other suppliers are recovered from the Authority's customers at cost through a Power Supply Charge that changes each month. The Authority's customers have an interest in greater stability and predictability in power supply prices than those provided in the commodity markets for fuel and power. An effective commodity hedging program is therefore integral to meeting the expectations of the Authority's customers for reasonable stability and predictability in power supply costs over the near term, and is also consistent with, and expected by, utility best practice.

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees for the Authority to maintain a Power Supply Hedging Program that:

- Mitigates a portion of the volatility of power supply costs in a programmatic and reasonable way on behalf of the Authority's customer-owners;
- Is executed using financial derivative and physical supply and delivery contracts for a portion of the Authority's projected fuel and purchased power purchases, provided, however that:
  - the net hedge position does not exceed 90% of projected fuel and purchased power needs;
  - the term of any such hedge does not exceed ten years without the prior consent of the Board or a term in excess of sixty (60) months without the prior approval of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board;
- Achieves appropriate risk mitigation and is not for purposes of financial speculation; and
- Provides transparency regarding the Authority's commodity risk management activities and the results of such activities.

The Authority's Chief Executive Officer shall appoint an Executive Risk Management Committee consisting of the Chief Financial Officer and at least two other Authority staff, one of which must be drawn from the senior management of the Authority, to establish, maintain, and monitor processes and controls and conduct the Authority's Power Supply Hedging Program. The key provisions of the Executive Risk Management Committee's activities shall include:

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- Ensuring that all Power Supply Hedging Program activities are in accordance with this Board Policy Statement;
  - Determining the Authority's tolerance for exposure to fuel and purchased power price movements and power supply cost volatility taking into account the costs of limiting such exposure;
  - Addressing all risk factors that are demonstrably quantifiable, actionable and material to the program;
  - Establishing risk boundaries consistent with such tolerances and evaluating allowable financial and physical instruments in executing the Power Supply Hedging Program;
  - Establishing appropriate processes and protocols to review and monitor counterparty credit worthiness on a regular basis; and
  - Monitoring Commodity Futures Trading Commission rule making and all other regulatory and legal requirements to ensure that the Authority is taking all actions required to maintain compliance with respect to any transactions under the Power Supply Hedging Program; and

The Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, will report on the Power Supply Hedging Program to the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees no less than four times per year.