



MEMORANDUM

TO: IEDA Board
RE: Federal Legislative Committee Report
DATE: February 7th, 2025

Trump Presidency

MAGA 2.0 is off to a different start than Trump's first term. His agenda centers around tax cuts, immigration and energy. This was indicative of the multiple Executive Orders signed on Day 1.

The marquee legislation will likely be the Trump Tax Cuts renewal, that are set to expire this year. This will be possible due to reconciliation, which just requires a simple majority. The question will be, is it one big bill, or a two-part bill. Speaker Johnson (who was reelected with some help is pushing for a single bill to be on the President's desk at the end of April. This bill will require a lot of offsets, so legislation that scores could be problematic. Tariffs could be the secret math-magics to make all this work.

In addition to raising revenue via tariffs, there is an austerity push to get government spending under control. Between the DOGE group and the House Budget Chair is circulating a "Menu" of \$5T+ in potential cuts. Buckle up because it is going to be a wild ride.

APPA Leg Rally

The Arizona Public Power group will be back in DC at the end of February. Our legislative initiatives haven't changed, but the initial approach has this year. With scoring being an issue last Congress, and probably an even bigger issue this

year, we are looking to get report language into the Appropriations Bill granting BOR the ability to utilize the PRB funds.

We will also work to eliminate the burden borne by the power customers to support tourism at Hoover. This will be via a FLREA exemption for Hoover, a foundation or both. Either would require federal legislation. The FLREA exemption is a little tricky with NV, but CRCNV is running a process to help their board get on board with this concept.

Other initiatives include establishing Hydropower as a renewable energy source nationally. This would increase the valuation of RECs from the dams and help offset rate increases due to generation reductions.

Our hope is to expand our meetings beyond the AZ delegation this trip, to include Western Caucus, NV members Amodei & Lee, and Representative Hageman (WY). We will also try to schedule visits with BOR, Approps staff, Senate ENR, and House Natural Resources staff.

Western Caucus

The Western Caucus appears set to play a bigger role regarding energy and national forests, with the new chairman, Doug LaMalfa. We have participated with this group in the past (Jeff Small, with Congressman Gosar's office). We will try to arrange a meeting in DC in February.