Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives

Witness Disclosure Requirement – "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Adrienne Lotto		
2. Your Title: Senior Vice President, Security, Technical and Operations		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: American Public Power Association		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity? (If "Yes," skip Item 5 and Item 6.)	Yes	No X
5. Grants, Contracts, and Payments a. Please list any Federal grants or contracts that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2023. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. Please see attached. b. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2023. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. N/A		
6. Are you a fiduciary (i.e., authorized to act on behalf of or for the benefit of) for any entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing?	Yes X	No
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Signature [redacted] Date: 1/8/2026

AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION
Powering Strong Communities

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APPA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Program

APPA received its first cooperative agreement from the US Department of Energy (DOE) in 2016. At that time, the cooperative was approximately $1M and was APPA's first foray into how cooperative agreements with government could serve to advance critical programs within APPA membership and provide membership value.

Since that time, APPA was awarded twelve (12) multi-year cooperative agreements/grants from various federal government agencies including the DOE Office of Electricity, DOE Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, DOE Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM), DOE Office of Policy, the Department of Labor, and the Lawrence Berkeley, Argonne, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratories.

There is clear recognition by our federal government partners that utilizing a hub and spoke model, with APPA at the center, is the quickest and most effective way for the federal government to partner with public power to deliver effective resources and tools to our members.

Collectively now, APPA is managing approximately $37M in cooperative agreements and grants, delivering valuable member tools and services, which are being shared broadly across the public power community. The growth in the grant/cooperative agreements portfolio represents another form of non-dues revenue, as required in the APPA Business Plan, which helps to offset APPA's operating expenses.

Below is a list of the current cooperative agreements and/or grants:

US Department of Energy:

OT Insight
Issued by: Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (DE-CR0000007)
Amount of Grant: $6,000,000
Grant term: 09/25/2020 to 09/24/2027
Description: Develop and Deploy Cybersecurity Defense for Public Power.

ICS CyberShield
Issued by: Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (DE-CR0000015)
Amount of Grant: Government Share $20,000,000; Cost Share $1,052,632; Total $21,052,632
Grant term: 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2028
Description: Facilitate the Rapid Adoption and Deployment of Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Technologies for Distribution and Municipal Utilities.

Cyber Pathways
Issued by: Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (DE-CR0000026)
Amount of Grant: $4,000,000
Grant term: 05/01/2024 to 04/30/2028
Description: Advancing the Cybersecurity Posture of Electric Public Power Utilities by evaluating member capabilities and needs; exploring innovative training techniques and cybersecurity practice methods; enhancing internal capacity; increasing participation in information sharing programs; improving member cybersecurity incident preparedness and response knowledge and posture; and related activities.

Issued by: Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (DE-CR0000012)
Amount of Grant: $4,300,000
Grant term: 10/01/2021 to 9/30/2026
Description: Programmatic Collaboration and Coordination with Public Power Utilities – APPA will use its direct link with public power utilities to support and benefit the ability to provide technical assistance, workshops, exercises, and planning tools to help enable public power utilities to improve their mitigation, response, and restoration actions from all hazards. Project areas include: Emergency preparedness and mutual aid in coordination with state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) governments; cybersecurity; physical security; and risk management.

Issued by: Office of Electricity
Amount of Grant: $1,500,000
Grant term: 10/01/2021 to 9/30/2026
Description: Programmatic Collaboration and Coordination with Public Power Utilities – use our connection to public power utilities to convene and facilitate peer learning among our members to generate plans, tools and resources that make progress towards high resilience and low-emission electricity delivery systems and connect with DOE resources.

Issued by: Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (DE-FE0032026)
Amount of Grant: Govt. Share $500k over 5 Years with no renewal required (100k per year); Cost Share $125k; Total $625k
Grant term: 09/01/2021 to 08/31/2026
Description: Energy Storage Accessibility for Public Power Utilities; using APPA's connection to public power utilities to convene and facilitate peer learning among members about their energy storage projects and develop case studies and other approaches to minimize barriers and maximize opportunities and connect with DOE resources.

National Laboratories:

Wildfire and Extreme Heat Risk Mitigation for Public Power Utilities
Issued by: Argonne National Laboratory Subcontract
Amount of Grant: $752,763.22
Grant term: 12/13/2024 to 09/30/2026
Description: This project aims to link Argonne's wildfire and extreme heat datasets with APPA's Risk Management Toolkit (RMT) to enhance risk management for public power utilities. Through virtual webinars and workshops, Argonne and APPA will engage with 11 utilities to deploy relevant datasets, integrate these datasets with the RMT, and provide direct technical assistance to improve wildfire and heat risk mitigation plans.