

Thank you to all four of the PMA Administrators for making the trip to Washington today to update the Congress on the most important issues each of your agencies face. Welcome.

Each of our four PMAs is unique in terms of geographic location, customer base, the amount of infrastructure it owns, and their missions. The PMA Administrators' testimonies today help shed light on those differences. They also remind us that some of the challenges our PMAs face are universal.

These challenges include water shortages caused by climate change and drought. How drought affects how we generate our power and the amount of hydropower available to customers.

Aging infrastructure is also an increasingly growing issue. I'm interested in learning about how your capital costs help to rehabilitate our generation resources if we are to maintain historic power production levels- and how those costs check up at the end of the year.

I'm very concerned about the bark beetle infestation and how this problem affects our infrastructure, our transmission lines. We are continuing our strong

support for wind and renewables, but understand that we have to find solutions to some of the operational challenges of integrating these resources. The Pacific NW is fortunate in that it depends on hydropower but also has wind resources. Right now in the Northwest power supply is exceeding demand, causing its own challenges.

I know that the NW delegation is actively looking at solutions to support the development of renewables while protecting their hydropower resources and the operational integrity of the BPA grid. I would like to offer any help in facilitating a solution to this discussion since California depends on renewables generated in the NW region.

These challenges cause us to look to the future and understand that we will have to do more with less.

Look forward to hearing from each PMA Administrator on how their respective agency plans to confront tomorrow's challenges using the funding outlined in its budget request.