

RESOLUTION NO. 1635

A RESOLUTION of the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County, Washington, in Support of the Operation of Columbia Generating Station, a Carbon-Free Source of Affordable Electricity

WHEREAS, over 15,000 customers in Okanogan County rely on Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County (the "District") for a reliable supply of electricity at affordable prices; and

WHEREAS, the District is a member of Energy Northwest, a Joint Operating Agency of the State of Washington, that is committed to producing electricity from carbon-free generating resources; and

WHEREAS, Energy Northwest operates the Columbia Generating Station, a nuclear power plant that is capable of delivering 1,190 megawatts of continuously available power to the grid, which is sufficient to power a million homes while emitting virtually no greenhouse gasses; and

WHEREAS, the District receives six percent (6%) of its fuel mix from nuclear power generated at the Columbia Generating Station; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Generating Station (CGS) has an exemplary record of safe and reliable operation, and the greatest part of the spent nuclear fuel from CGS is safely contained in dry cask storage on site, and CGS is currently building additional capacity to store thirty additional years' worth of spent fuel casks, so that CGS could operate throughout its useful life without a national spent fuel repository; and

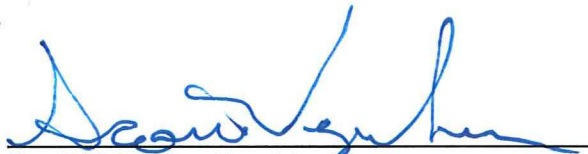
WHEREAS, Columbia Generating Station's power is continuously available regardless of weather conditions, and is therefore well suited to support reliable power grid baseload and capacity demand, including backing up increasing levels of intermittent renewable wind and solar power; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, following extensive safety and environmental technical reviews, and onsite inspections, found that the Columbia Generating Station can continue its safe and reliable operation through 2043; and

WHEREAS, the District has found that the operation of Columbia Generating Station is essential to ensuring that its customers receive a continuing supply of affordable, carbon-free electricity;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County resolves that Energy Northwest should take all possible steps to ensure the continued safe and reliable contribution of Columbia Generating Station, through its lifecycle, to the northwest clean energy mix, as approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County this 1st day of May, 2017.



Scott Vejraska, President



Steve Houston, Vice President

ATTEST:



Jerry Asmussen, Secretary

APPROVED as to form:



Heidi E. Smith, General Counsel