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Energy Northwest achieves international environmental recertification

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy Northwest has achieved recertification to the ISO 14001 standard, verifying that its environmental management system conforms to the stringent requirements of the International Standards Organization. In 2005 the public power agency was the first power producer in the state of Washington to achieve ISO 14001 registration.

ISO 14001 is a globally-recognized standard designed to help companies build effective environmental management systems and reduce the environmental impact of their operations. It requires an organization to identify potential environmental impacts and establish controls to appropriately minimize those impacts, monitor environmental performance, and establish a formal process for continually improving the system.

Leading corporations around the world, and the agencies which regulate them, recognize development of formal environmental, health and safety management systems as keys to improving compliance, enhancing innovation, and reducing both risks and costs.

To achieve recertification, Energy Northwest underwent a rigorous third-party audit of its environmental management system to verify its conformity to all requirements. Additionally, Energy Northwest receives annual audits to ensure the ISO 14001 standard is maintained.

“Environmental stewardship means respecting and caring for the land, water, air, and wildlife near our facilities,” noted Vic Parrish, Energy Northwest’s CEO. “It also means developing clean, reliable energy sources for the future. Certification does not mean environmental perfection but reflects our strong commitment to environmental stewardship and continuous improvement in our environmental practices.”

In its recommendation for certification, NSF International Strategic Registrations, Ltd., an independent third-party environmental review firm from Ann Arbor, Michigan, singled out the proactive commitment by senior management to continuously improve its environmental management system.

Founded in 1946, ISO is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. ISO has developed over 17,000 international voluntary consensus standards for manufacturing, communication, trade, and management systems. Over 100 countries have national standards bodies that are members of ISO.

Energy Northwest is a not-for-profit public power, joint operating agency headquartered in Richland, Washington. Chartered in 1957 as a state joint operating agency, Energy Northwest has 20 public power members; 17 public utility districts and three municipalities. The consortium's nuclear, hydroelectric, wind, and solar projects deliver nearly 1,400 megawatts of reliable, affordable, environmentally responsible electricity to the northwest power grid. Energy Northwest continually explores and develops new generation opportunities while offering a wide range of energy and business services. Energy Northwest owns and operates Columbia Generating Station, Nine Canyon Wind Project, Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project, and White Bluffs Solar Station.

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