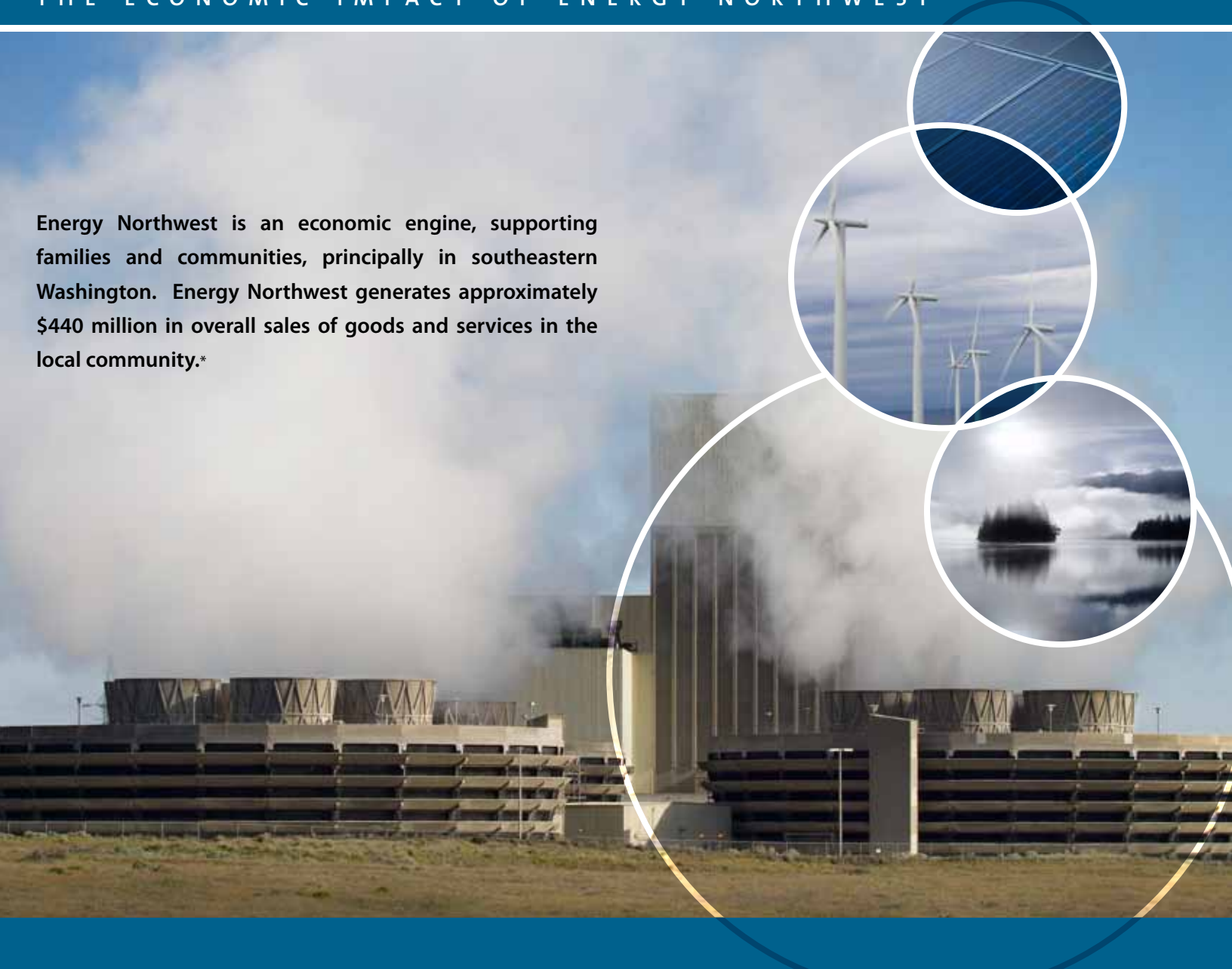


Energy Northwest is an economic engine, supporting families and communities, principally in southeastern Washington. Energy Northwest generates approximately \$440 million in overall sales of goods and services in the local community.\*



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Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station also is a major public power resource for the Pacific Northwest, providing enough carbon-free electricity to power more than one million Washington homes.

Operating a nuclear power plant requires a highly-skilled, well-educated workforce in a wide variety of fields, from nuclear engineering to health physics. Energy Northwest employs more than 1,100 people at an average annual salary of \$100,000.

\*Based on normalized averages from analyses of the economic and employment impact of 22 U.S. nuclear power plants. The figures are calculated per megawatt of installed capacity and reflect a nominal 1,000-megawatt plant size. Adjusted for Columbia Generating Station. The analyses employ the IMPLAN model for estimating direct and indirect economic and employment effects of industrial activity. IMPLAN is widely used by U.S. government agencies.

**REFUELING OUTAGE = EMPLOYMENT BOOST**

Every two years, Columbia Generating Station must shut down for approximately six weeks to add new fuel to the reactor core. In order to do this successfully, Energy Northwest hires more than 1,800 temporary workers, many from surrounding communities. These short-term, well-paying jobs provide an important boost to the local economy.



*Energy Northwest employees believe in giving back to the community. In 2010, employees raised more than \$150,000 in donations to local charities, such as United Way and March of Dimes.*

*For more than 25 years, Energy Northwest has provided an economic and employment base that has helped sustain a robust Tri-Cities economy.*

**A POWERFUL PARTNER FOR LOCAL BUSINESS**

Each year, Energy Northwest spends more than \$10 million with local businesses and governments. Our local partners range from engineering and construction firms to hotels and restaurants. All contribute to the success of Energy Northwest.

**PRIVILEGE TAXES HELP LOCAL SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES**

Each year, Energy Northwest pays taxes for the privilege of generating electricity in the state of Washington. In 2010, Energy Northwest paid more than \$3 million in state privilege taxes. Millions more are paid each year in state sales and business taxes, supporting vital services for the people of Washington. Taken as a whole, these taxes help maintain economic vitality, quality of life and educational standards in the communities that surround Columbia Generating Station.



**ABOUT ENERGY NORTHWEST**

*Energy Northwest develops, owns and operates a diverse mix of electricity generating resources, including hydro, solar and wind projects – and the Northwest’s only nuclear power plant. These projects provide enough reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible energy to power more than a million homes each year, and that carbon-free electricity is provided at the cost of generation. As a Washington state, not-for-profit joint operating agency, Energy Northwest comprises 28 public power member utilities from across the state serving more than 1.5 million ratepayers. The agency continually explores new generation projects to meet its members’ needs.*