

RESOLUTION NO. 17-437

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ASOTIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION OF COLUMBIA GENERATING
STATION, A CARBON-FREE SOURCE OF AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County and its customers in Asotin County rely on a reliable supply of electricity at affordable prices; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County is committed to providing its customers with as much of their electricity as economically possible from carbon-free generating resources; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County 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 the largest source of carbon-free electricity in the State of Washington after the state's indigenous supply of clean hydroelectric power; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Generating Station has an exemplary record of safe and reliable operation, producing enough low-cost, carbon-free electricity each year to supply a city the size of Seattle, Washington.


WHEREAS, the replacement of Columbia Generating Station by a similarly reliable source of electricity would add at least 3,000,000 tons of carbon to the atmosphere each year, which would adversely affect efforts to combat climate change (1); 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

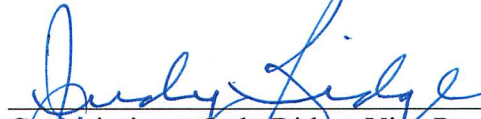
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County has found that the operation of Columbia Generating Station is essential to ensuring that its customers receive a continuing supply of affordable, carbon-free electricity;

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Board of Commissioners Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County 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.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County at a regular open public meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this 23rd day of May 2017.



Commissioner Don Nuxoll, President



Commissioner Judy Ridge, Vice President



Commissioner Greg McCall, Secretary

(1) 8760 hours x 90% capacity factor x 1,190 MWs x 700 lbs CO2 per MWh from the most efficient CCGT. Columbia historically runs at greater than 90% capacity; according to a separate 2014 study by IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates (Boston, Mass.), Columbia prevents 3.6 million metric tons of CO2 emissions annually compared to the most feasible replacement option of efficient natural gas-fired generation.