## **RESOLUTION NO. 17-01**

## A Resolution in Support of the Operation of Columbia Generating Station

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

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Ferry County has previously stated its support for the clean, renewable energy provided by the Northwest's dams and hydropower systems in Resolution 07-11; and

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Ferry 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 sources; 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; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the 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; 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 Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Ferry County have 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 RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Ferry County agrees that Energy Northwest should take all possible steps to ensure the continued safe and reliable contribution of the Columbia Generating Station, through its life cycle, to the northwest clean energy mix, as approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Ferry County, Washington, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

President Vice-President

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PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF FERRY COUNTY