

**RESOLUTION NO. 1683
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION
OF COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION,
A CARBON-FREE SOURCE OF AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY**

WHEREAS nearly 34,000 customers in Mason County rely on Mason PUD 3 for a reliable supply of cost-based electricity.

WHEREAS, Mason PUD 3 is committed always providing its customers with safe, reliable, economical service, 24/7.

WHEREAS, Mason PUD 3 is committed to providing its customers with as much of their electricity as economically possible from carbon-free generating resources.

WHEREAS, Mason PUD 3 is a member of Energy Northwest, a Joint Operating Agency of the State of Washington, which is committed to producing electricity from carbon-free generating resources.

WHEREAS, Energy Northwest operates the Columbia Generating Station, a nuclear power plant that is Mason PUD 3's largest source of carbon-free electricity after clean, renewable hydroelectric power.

WHEREAS Columbia Generating Station has an exemplary record of safe and reliable operation, producing enough cost-based, 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, adversely affecting efforts to combat climate change.

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.

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners for Mason PUD 3 has found that the operation of Columbia Generating Station is essential to ensuring that its customers receive a continuing supply of cost-based, carbon-free electricity.

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners for Mason PUD 3 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 Pacific Northwest clean energy mix, as approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Mason County PUD No. 3 this 2nd day of May, 2017.

Bruce E. Jorgenson, President

Thomas J. Farmer, Vice President

ATTEST:

Linda R. Gott, Secretary