

RESOLUTION NO. 5821

A RESOLUTION in Support of the Operation of Columbia  
Generating Station, a Carbon-Free Source of Affordable Electricity

WHEREAS, the customers of Snohomish County and Camano Island rely on Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County (the “District”) for a reliable supply of electricity at affordable prices; and

WHEREAS, the District has a climate change policy requiring the utilization of cost-effective carbon-free resources to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the District 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 second largest source of carbon-free electricity in the State of Washington after the state’s indigenous supply of clean hydroelectric power; and

WHEREAS, the District purchases approximately eighty percent of its power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), of which approximately ten percent comes from the Columbia Generating Station; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Generating Station has an 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

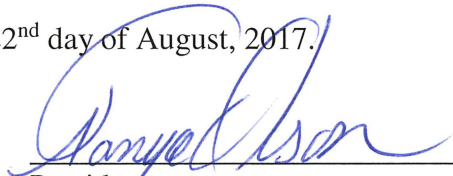
WHEREAS, the replacement of Columbia Generating Station by a similarly reliable source of electricity would add at least 3,000,000 tons of carbon to the atmosphere each year, which would adversely affect efforts to combat climate change; and

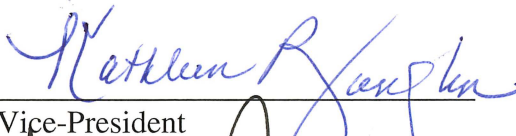
WHEREAS, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, following extensive safety and environmental technical reviews, and onsite inspections, found that the Columbia Generating Station can continue its operation through 2043; and

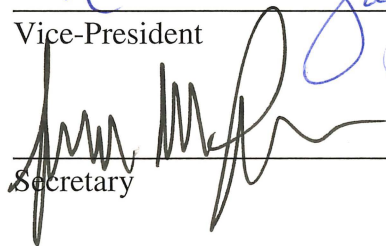
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has found that the operation of Columbia Generating Station is essential to ensuring that its customers receive a continuing supply of affordable, carbon-free electricity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington, that Energy Northwest should take all reasonable steps to ensure the continued safe and reliable contribution of Columbia Generating Station, through its lifecycle, to the Northwest's clean energy mix, as approved by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.

  
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President

  
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Vice-President

  
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Secretary