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Governor, Energy Northwest Support Nuclear Science Week

RICHLAND, Wash. – Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee signed a proclamation Oct. 21 recognizing Oct. 21-25 as Washington Nuclear Science Week in recognition of the contributions of nuclear science and technology – and nuclear professionals – to the state.

Energy Northwest owns and operates the Northwest’s only nuclear energy facility – Columbia Generating Station – located in Richland. The agency comprises 27 public power member utilities from across the state serving more than 1.5 million ratepayers and employs approximately 1,100 highly-skilled, well-educated people with a wide variety of fields from nuclear engineering to health physics.

The proclamation recognizes the thousands of nuclear science and technology professionals who “are dedicated to the service and progress of the Washington state communities where they live and work.” It also recognizes the value of nuclear energy in providing “safe, reliable, carbon-free and environmentally responsible electricity to Washington ratepayers” – equivalent to about 10 percent of Washington’s power.

“We’re proud to work with our member public power utilities to fulfill our essential role in generating cost-effective and environmentally responsible electricity for the Pacific Northwest,” said Energy Northwest CEO Mark Reddemann.

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 energy facility. 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 27 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.

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