

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
THERMAL POWER PLANT SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of the)	
Application No. 71-1 of the)	
)	
WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER)	
SUPPLY SYSTEM,)	CONCURRENCE AND PARTIAL DISSENT
)	
A Municipal Corporation of)	
the State of Washington)	

I concur in the Council's approval of the application of Washington Public Power Supply System for site certification of a proposed nuclear electric generating facility to be located in Benton County, Washington. However, I dissent from finding of fact 11.

In the enactment of 80.50 R.C.W., I believe the legislature intended certification pursuant thereto to be entire including the right to withdraw surface or ground water where an adequate supply of unappropriated water exists. It appears that there is sufficient unappropriated water flowing in the Columbia at the point of withdrawal so that use for the proposed nuclear plant will not impair any existing water rights. A site certification and construction permit without an assured supply of water would be virtually meaningless.

I cannot conceive of the Council approving a site application where the evidence did not indicate an adequate supply of unappropriated water. Neither, can I imagine the question of adequacy of water not being fully tried before the Council in the case of an application where such supply was in doubt .

In my opinion finding 11 should provide: The Council finds there is adequate unappropriated water in the Columbia River at the proposed point of withdrawal to permit the applicant to remove water from the river for operation of the proposed plant.



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