

**WASHINGTON STATE
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 287, AMENDMENT NO. 1

**COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
OFFSITE AGENCY SUPPORT**

WHEREAS, Condition V.A of the Columbia Generating Station (formerly WNP-2) Site Certification Agreement (SCA) requires Energy Northwest to maintain an Emergency Plan in coordination with state, local, and federal agencies to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) has responsibility for ensuring that Energy Northwest meets the requirements of the Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) SCA, including preparedness and response capability for potential radiological emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The Council administers contracts with state and local agencies that have primary responsibility for offsite emergency preparedness planning and response under other provisions of law or regulation; and

WHEREAS, In 1997 the Council conducted a study of the Columbia Offsite Emergency Preparedness (EP) Program to determine if the program was adequate to protect the public health and safety and to identify the level of resources that were necessary for participants to maintain an acceptable program; and

WHEREAS, On November 10, 1997, the Council adopted Resolution No. 287 thereby accepting the study group's findings that the Columbia Offsite EP program was "organized adequately to deliver the required preparedness services; and is being funded at adequate levels to carry out a responsible program"; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 287 further stated the Council's findings that the study "report will provide staff with the necessary guidance to conduct budget negotiations through state Fiscal Year 2001; at which time the Council will determine if the understandings reached in this study effort need to be reconsidered"; and

WHEREAS, In January-March 2001, Council staff entered into discussions with Columbia Offsite EP program participants to determine workload and funding requirements for FY 2002, and, based on that review and observations made during the past four years, concluded that the agencies have maintained a high-level of preparedness as demonstrated in exercises and training drills evaluated against "NUREG-0654/FEMA – REP-1, Revision 1, Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants", and managed program activities consistent with the program and budget guidelines set in the 1997 study; and

WHEREAS, At its regular meeting of April 9, 2001, the Council approved contracts with state and local agencies totaling \$1.099 million to support their participation in the Columbia EP Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby concludes that the Columbia Offsite EP Program is organized and managed adequately to meet program requirements and to protect the public health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the approved FY 2002 funding amounts (see attached) are determined to be adequate for state and local participants to provide the necessary level of services in support of the Columbia EP Plan; and will provide a base-level of funding to sustain a responsible program through the next four years (through state Fiscal Year 2005), at which time the Council will reevaluate offsite program activities and funding requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council will continue to recognize mandated salary and cost-of-living increases as possible add-ons to the base level funding; and, in cooperation with program participants and Energy Northwest, will make every effort to address "special needs," using uncommitted funds where possible to meet those needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council recognizes that the participants have demonstrated a commitment to working together to accomplish mutual program goals and objectives; and to manage program activities efficiently and effectively.

DATED and effective at Olympia, Washington, this 18th day of June, 2001.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

By:

Deborah J. Ross, EFSEC Chair

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Base Level Program – FY 2002