

**WASHINGTON STATE
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 311

**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, Based upon the Council's review of the Columbia Offsite EP Program for the four (4) year period 1997-2001, in June, 2001, the Council concluded that the agencies had maintained a high level of preparedness and managed program activities consistent with the federal/state requirements and program guidelines, and set baseline funding levels for FY 2002-2005 through the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 287;

WHEREAS, In October-December 2004, Council staff entered into discussions with Columbia Offsite EP Program participants to determine workload and funding requirements for FY 2006 (and the next four-year cycle), and based on that review and observations made during the current cycle, 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;

WHEREAS, At its special meeting of January 11, 2005, the Council approved contracts with state and local agencies totaling \$1,326,726 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 2006 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-line of funding to sustain a responsible program through the next four years (through state Fiscal Year 2009), 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 11th day of January, 2005.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

By: _____
James O. Luce, EFSEC Chair

Attest: _____
Allen J. Fiksdal, EFSEC Manager

Attachment:
FY 2006 Base Line Program