

**WASHINGTON STATE
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 326

**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, In 1997, 2001, and s005, the Council adopted resolutions reaffirming its earlier finding that the Columbia Offsite EP Program met program requirements; and approved funding levels (in four (4)-year budget cycles) necessary to support Columbia-related offsite EP activities through June 30, 2009

WHEREAS, In November 2008-February 2009, Council staff entered into discussions with Columbia Offsite EP Program participants to determine workload and funding requirements for FY 2010-2013, and based on that review and observations made during the current cycle, concluded that the offsite agencies have continued to maintain a high level of preparedness as demonstrated in exercises and training drills evaluated for compliance with the Interim Radiological Emergency Program Manual, issued by FEMA ,dated August 2002; and

WHEREAS, At its special meeting of March 10, 2009, the Council considered proposed funding levels for the state and local agencies to support their participation in the Columbia Offsite EP Program for the next four-year cycle beginning July 1, 2009;

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 Council hereby approves the funding levels set out in the attached Base Line Program Budgets – FYs 2010-2013, as being adequate for state and local participants to provide the necessary level of services to support the Columbia EP Plan; and authorizes contracts at those levels with the state and local agencies listed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the budgets approved by Council continue to recognize mandated salary and cost-of-living increases in 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 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 10th day of March 2009.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

By: _____
James O. Luce, EFSEC Chair

Attest: _____
Allen J. Fiksdal, EFSEC Manager

Attachment:
Base Line Program Budgets – FYs 2010-2013