

**WASHINGTON STATE  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 273**

WHEREAS, The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (U.S. NRC) authorizes the thermal power limit for nuclear power reactors and has approved a generic power uprate program for General Electric Boiling Water Reactors; and

WHEREAS, The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Council) authorizes the environmental conditions of plant operation as described in the WNP-2 Site Certification Agreement; and

WHEREAS, By letter dated July 24, 1992, the Washington Public Power Supply System (Supply System) informed the Council of its intent to request the necessary federal and state approvals to increase the power limit of the WNP-2 reactor approximately 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, The Council requested review of the Supply System's detailed technical proposal from the Washington Department of Health and the Washington Department of Ecology; and

WHEREAS, By letter dated December 3, 1993, the Department of Health concluded that the power uprate proposal would not have a significant impact on plant safety or the amount of radioactivity released to the environment; and

WHEREAS, By report dated February 16, 1994, the Department of Ecology concluded that the power uprate proposal will not require any modifications to the existing permits and requirements, nor will it trigger the need for any new permits or requirements; and

WHEREAS, By letter dated June 7, 1994, the Supply System formally requested that the Council make a technical amendment to the WNP-2 Site Certification Agreement (SCA) in accordance with Chapter 463-36 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) to allow plant operations at higher power levels than those specified in Section I of the SCA; and

WHEREAS, The Council heard statements by the Department of Ecology, the Department of Health, and provided an opportunity for public comments at the Council's September 12, 1994 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Council has concluded that the proposed power uprate program will have a negligible effect on the state's environment; and

WHEREAS, WAC 463-36-070 provides for amendments to a Site Certification Agreement by resolution if the change is of a technical nature and constitutes no substantial alteration of any provisions of the SCA, and is determined to have no detrimental effect upon the environment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby acknowledges and approves the Washington Public Power Supply System's proposal to increase the power output of WNP-2 by approximately 5 percent. This increase corresponds to a reactor thermal power rating of approximately 3486 megawatts thermal and an average generator electrical output of approximately 1236 megawatts electric.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the electrical output and thermal power rating limits defined in Section I-SITE CERTIFICATION- of the WNP-2 SCA are amended as follows:

A. Site and Project Description

1. The site at, on in which a 1236 megawatt (electric) nuclear electric generating plant...

B. Site Certification

1. The nuclear electric generating facility authorized to be sited by this Certification Agreement as presently defined is to include the following elements, hereinafter call the "PROJECT": a boiling water reactor with a rated output of approximately 3,486 megawatts (thermal)...for achieving electric generation capacity of approximately 1236 megawatts.

Dated this 12th day of September 1994.

Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

By: Frederick S. Adair  
Frederick S. Adair, Chairman

Attest:

By: Jason J. Zeller  
Jason J. Zeller, EFSEC Manager