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Energy Northwest, WA Bonneville Power Administration

Ratings & Contacts	
Category	Moody's Rating
Bonneville Power Administration: Issuer Rating Non-Federal Project Debt* Energy Northwest:	Aaa
Nuclear Project No. 1 Columbia Generating Station Nuclear Project No. 3	Aaa Aaa Aaa

^{*} Net billed bonds are contractual obligations of the US Department of Energy, acting through the Bonneville Power Administration. Energy Northwest bonds are listed; see debt statement for complete listing.

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Key Indicators

Energy Northwest, WA
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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
BPA Operating revenues (\$000)	\$2,618,879	\$3,040,169	\$4,278,669	\$3,533,729	\$3,612,104	\$3,197,911	\$3,268,083	\$3,419,368
U. S. Treasury payment (\$000)	780,001	863,248	808,221	1,137,784	1,174,221	1,183,668	1,187,553	1,113,000
Non-Federal Debt-Service Coverage Ratio (x)	2.4	2.9	2.4	4.9	13.1	6.5	5.6	5.3
BPA Full Requirements Power Rate (\$mwh)	21.20	21.20	21.20	31.43	33.38	32.83	30.58	29.16
Average Financial Reserves(\$000)	\$670,000	\$803,000	\$593,000	\$188,000	\$511,000	\$683,000	\$554,000	\$1,193,000

Opinion

Rating Rationale

Moody's Investors Service has assigned an underlying credit rating of Aaa to the \$552,960,000 Energy Northwest revenue bonds to be priced March 20,2007.

Moody's has also affirmed the Aaa credit rating on the \$1,961,960,000 outstanding Project No. 1 bonds; the Aaa rating on the outstanding \$2,292,555,000 Columbia Generating Station bonds and the Aaa rating on the outstanding \$1,919,315,000 Project No. 3 bonds. Moody's has also affirmed the Aaa issuer rating on the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

The Aaa rating is rooted in the strong legal arrangements between Energy Northwest and BPA that secure the bonds. BPA has strong credit fundamentals including sound financial liquidity, a management that has been willing to implement strategies to maintain a sound financial position and competitive wholesale power rates that are a result of its low cost hydroelectric generation. Fiscal year 2006 ended with the strongest ever financial reserve level.

BPA is now focused on establishment of new power supply contracts, federal hydro system energy allocations for the next contract period and a settlement of the litigation regarding salmon issues.

Use of Proceeds

The bonds are being issued to refund various series of outstanding bonds as part of BPA and Energy Northwest's plan to optimize their debt portfolio. The transaction provides added financial flexibility for BPA by permitting it to pay higher coupon U.S. Treasury debt earlier by extending the maturity schedule to 2019 for Columbia Generating Station bonds and 2017 for Projects 1 and 3. The estimated net present value savings of the refunding bonds issued for debt service savings is projected to be \$16to \$17 million. While there is some net present value loss on the bonds issued for debt extension and optimization, the transaction results in a significant anticipated savings when viewed within the context of BPA's total debt portfolio.

The Columbia Ĝeneration Station Bonds, Series 2007 D bonds are being issued to finance various other capital requirements of the Columbia Generating Station.

Credit Outlook

Moody's maintains a stable credit outlook for BPA. The business fundamentals of BPA continue to be sound with a return to consistently strong financial reserves and competitive wholesale power rates.

Rating History

Nuclear Project No.	1:	Nuclear Project No. 3	
March 2004:	Aaa	March 2004:	Aaa
August 1996:	Aa1	August 1996:	Aa1
May 1990:	Aa	May 1990:	Aa
August 1989:	Α	August 1989:	Α
February 1985:	Withdrawn (I)	February 1985:	Withdrawn (1)
June 1983:	Suspended	June 1983:	Suspended
May-87	Baa	May 1983:	Baa
May 1982:	A1	May 1982:	A1
February 1982:	A1	February 1982:	Aa
September 1975:	Aaa	November 1975:	Aaa
Nuclear Project No.	2	Nuclear Projects Nos. 4	4 and 5:
March 2004:	Aaa	June 1983:	Withdrawn
August 1996:	Aa1	June 1983:	Caa
		January 1982:	Suspended
May 1990:	Aa	June 1981:	Baa1
August 1989:	Α	February 1977:	A1
February 1985:	Withdrawn (1)		
June 1983:	Suspended	Packwood Lake Hydroe	electric Revenue Project:
June 1983:	Baa	August 1996:	Aa1
May 1983:	A1	May 1990:	Aa
February 1982:	A1	August 1989:	A
February 1975:	Aaa	February 1985:	Withdrawn (1)
,		June 1983:	Suspended
		March 1962:	A

⁽¹⁾ Not a BPA-backed obligation.

Debt Statement as of January 2007 (\$000)

	Rating	Amount Outstanding	Final Maturity
Energy Northwest Revenue Bonds			
Nuclear Project No.1	Aaa	\$1,961,960	7/1/2024
Columbia (Nuclear Project No.2)	Aaa	2,292,555	7/1/2024
Nuclear Project No.3	Aaa	1,919,315	7/1/2024
Lewis County PUD 1-Cowlitz Falls Project	Aaa	\$142,510	10/1/2024
Tacoma Conservation System Project Rev.	Aaa	13,580	12/1/2014
Northern Wasco County-McNary Dam	Aaa	26,485	12/1/2024
Eugene Trojan Nuclear Project	Aaa	23,435	9/1/2008
Northwest Infrastructure Financing Corp.	Aaa	119,595	7/1/2034
Conservation and Energy Renewable System	Aaa	22,590	10/1/2014

⁽¹⁾ Excluding Energy Northwest Nine Canyon Wind Project which is not secured by net-billinbg agreements

Credit Fundamentals

STRENGTHS

- Due to BPA's status as a line agency of the US Department of Energy it has direct borrowing authority with the US Treasury (\$4.45 billion)and the legal ability to defer its annual Treasury repayment if necessary to meet commitments under the net billing agreements, including debt service on the current offering. BPA has established the policy of meeting a 95% over two years probability of making its U.S. Treasury payment on time
- BPA's established record of full cost recovery from its current power rates and its sound financial management are credit strengths
- Fiscal year 2006 results reflect the strongest ever level of financial reserves providing BPA a cushion should drought conditions return
- BPA's important role in the northwest region of the U.S.. BPA owns and operates 75% of the bulk transmission system and markets low cost hydroelectric power amounting to 35% of the region's power
- Growing cost advantage of BPA's extensive hydroelectric system energy relative to other fuels
- Small likelihood of BPA privatization, given BPA's major public role related to environmental issues, conservation, and transmission service
- BPA has several sources of liquidity including a line of credit with the U.S. Treasury, providing it with a substantial cushion in a worst case power market environment

CHALLENGES

- Governance responsibility for conflicting uses of Columbia River, (flood control, irrigation, navigation, recreation, municipal and industrial water supply, fish and wildlife protection and power generation),can influence the ability of the system to meet load
- Major upcoming 2008 decision to allocate the federal hydro system and establish long-term contracts for the period beyond 2011
- Resource adequacy issues should new independent power producer generation be exported from region
- Most of the energy and power marketed by BPA is generated by the federal system's 31 hydroelectric facilities,
 most of which are located in the Columbia River Basin. Weather conditions affect water flow, which creates variability in electric generation and this exposes BPA to the volatility of the wholesale power market should it need
 replacement resources to meet load
- Significant litigation over salmon issues could pose new costs that would have to be reflected in rates should an adverse decision result

THE EVENT-AND COURT-TESTED NET BILLING AGREEMENTS WITH BPA PROVIDE STRONG SECURITY TO ENERGY NORTHWEST REVENUE BONDS

Most important to the Aaa credit rating Moody's has assigned to the Energy Northwest revenue bonds is the US Government's clear commitment, through BPA, to the Project 1, Columbia Generating Station and Project 3 bonds. This commitment is demonstrated through the net billing agreements between the Energy Northwest project participants and BPA. The agreements have withstood more than 25 years of stressful circumstances, such as the legal challenges to Nuclear Projects 1, Columbia Generating Station and Project 3 bonds brought on by the Project 4 and 5 bond defaults (Projects 4 and 5 bonds were not backed by BPA net billing agreements) and, more recently, by the termination of Projects 1 and 3, which were partially constructed nuclear units financed by the Projects 1 and 3 bonds.

Despite Projects 1 and 3 being terminated with one-half completed nuclear generation units constructed, the net billing agreements are still in force and debt service on the project bonds are being paid.

The net billing agreements obligate project participants, consisting of numerous public utility districts and municipal and electric cooperative utilities, to pay Energy Northwest a proportionate share of the project's annual costs, including debt service, in accordance with each participant's purchase of project capability. BPA, in turn, is obligated to pay (or credit) the participants for an identical amount by reducing the amounts they owed for power and service purchased under participant power-sales agreements. Under the net billing agreements, the obligation for debt service is in effect until all the bonds are retired.

The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed in the City of Springfield v. WPPSS; 752 F.2d.1423, the legal authority of all participants to enter into the net billing agreements; the US Supreme Court denied a petition for a writ of certiorari. The obligation of BPA and the participants is in force whether the projects are operable or terminated.

Most importantly and a source of significant credit strength, BPA has agreed, in the event of any insufficient payment by a participant, to pay the amount due to Energy Northwest in cash, directly, and in a timely manner. While the net billing agreements may be terminated prior to the maturity on the related net billed bonds, the obligation of the participant to pay their proportionate share of the debt service continues, as does the obligation of BPA to credit these payments or make a payment if in any event there was an insufficient payment by a participant.

BPA'S STATUS AS A U.S. ENERGY DEPARTMENT LINE AGENCY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE CREDIT RATING

Moody's has assigned an issuer rating of Aaa to BPA based on its fundamental credit strengths, as well as, government ownership. Although such ownership does not necessarily translate into strong credit standing for an enterprise, BPA's strong credit fundamentals are further strengthened by its relationship with the federal government.

Moody's finds credit strength in BPA's ties to the federal government as a result of the following:

A Line of Credit With Treasury. BPA has authority to sell to the United States Treasury \$4.45 billion principal amount of bonds. As of September 30, 2006, BPA had outstanding \$ 1.925 billion of bonds to the US Treasury. BPA directly funds the entire O&M expenses of the federal Columbia River Power System.

Strength of US Governmental Control. BPA is not a government corporation but a traditional line agency that is part of the US Department of Energy. The Energy Northwest /BPA contracts are contractual obligations of the US, and are executed by the US Department of Interior. (See Springfield vs. WPPSS 564F Supp 90). The link between BPA and the federal government is further strengthened because BPA must submit annual budgets to Congress and the Department of Justice remains responsible for BPA litigation. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) must confirm the electric rates established by BPA.

Implicit US Government Support. BPA is required by statute to defer its annual Treasury payments if funds are needed to meet its non-federal obligations. BPA has not deferred such payments since 1983. BPA may issue to the Treasury, and the Treasury is required to purchase, up to \$4.45 billion of bonds. Payment on these bonds is subordinate to BPA's obligations on the net billed bonds. In the 2001-2003 Pacific Northwest energy crisis ,BPA demonstrated it had other federal financial liquidity tools that were available should there be an adverse situation. For example, in 2001 BPA used credits under Section 4(h)(10)c of the Northwest Power Act which relate to federal payment of fish and wildlife protection costs to reduce the actual cash payment to the U. S. Treasury. Without the credits, the power rate increase on customers would have been more significant. BPA identified sources of liquidity of over \$1.5 billion to bridge any gaps due to short term cash flow shortfalls. While there is no explicit US Government support for the net billed bonds, there is implicit support.

Economic, Social, and Political Ramifications of Failure of BPA. BPA provides 35% of the electric power in the Pacific Northwest, owns 75% of the bulk electric power transmission, and 80% of the transmission capacity of the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie . BPA is also responsible for significant regional environmental protection programs as well as for coordinating river operations and treaty responsibilities with Canada. BPA funds 70% of the fish and wildlife mitigation and recovery efforts in the Columbia Basin. A BPA failure would have a far-reaching effect on the region, and it is our opinion that the federal government would go to substantial lengths to avoid such an occurrence. In addition, as the Northwest region looks to diversify and add to its power resources, BPA is playing a major role in building new transmission lines to insure new generation constructed in the region can efficiently get to the regional marketplace.

Stated Political Support. Broad support for BPA was evident in the Clinton and Bush Administration's approval of the InterAgency Fish Agreement that has established financial and operating parameters for operation of the federal hydro system.

Powerful Political Constituencies. Due to the importance to the region BPA serves, there is significant northwest U.S. representation on key U.S. House and Senate committees that deal with legislation related to BPA. For example, five US senators from the Northwest are on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee which would suggest that any legislation dealing with electricity issues will have to treat the region's interests (including BPA) well if it were to move out of the committee's jurisdiction.

Past US Government Support Which Aided Financial Health. Since the creation of BPA, numerous statutes have been enacted to address issues involving BPA and the Northwest region. Among them are the Bonneville Project Act of 1937, The Flood Control Act of 1944, the 1974 Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act, the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980, and the 1996 BPA Appropriations Refinancing Act. Each of these federal statutes include provisions that aid BPA's financial health while meeting broader public policy obligations.

Business Fundamentals

BPA'S PLAYS MAJOR ROLE IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRICITY MARKET: STRONG FUNDAMENTAL CREDIT STRENGTHS OF BPA FACTORED IN RATING ASSIGNED

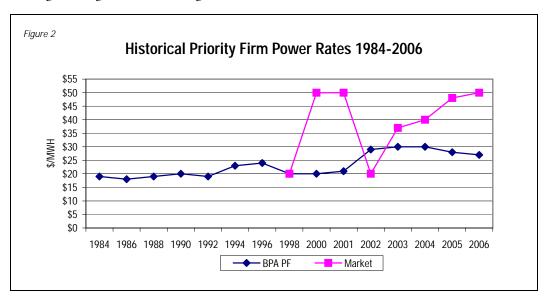
BPA markets energy to nearly 11 million people from 31 federally-owned hydroelectric facilities constructed on the Columbia River. About 94% of generating capacity is from 12 projects. The facilities comprise more than 80% of BPA's firm power supply. (See Figure 1, which lists the numerous facilities.) Power dispatched from Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station nuclear plant represents about 11% of BPA total energy resources. Output of the federal hydro system is 10,200 to 10,400 average megawatts annually during median water conditions and 7800 to 8000 average megawatts annually under low water conditions. BPA's key business consists of power sales to public and private utilities for resale purposes.

Background on BPA

In 1937, an act of Congress created BPA to market power from hydroelectric facilities constructed on the Columbia River. The Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation operate the hydro projects. BPA is one of four regional power marketing agencies within the Department of Energy. Many of the statutory authorities of BPA are vested with Secretary of Energy, who appoints and acts through the BPA administrator BPA's wholesale power rates are approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure full-cost recovery. Federal law requires BPA to meet specified energy requirements in the Northwest region. BPA is also required to implement conservation measures and to provide transmission services. The federal hydro projects also serve numerous purposes, including irrigation, navigation, recreation, municipal and industrial water supply, fish and wildlife protection, and power generation. The amount of power produced by the federal hydro generation units varies with annual precipitation and other weather conditions.

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ExistingNon-federally owned BPA resources	12,957	4,657
	20,445	6,816
	Peak capacity (mw)	Firm Energy (aMW)
Columbia Generating Station 1984 Nuclear	1,150	1,000
Other Non-Federal Projects Various	96	163
Total	1,246	1,163
Firm Contracts	1.2/0	1.50/
Total Non-Federally owned BPA Resources	1,369 2,615	1,596 2,759

Despite increased competition from alternative power sources and the increase in BPA's power rate, BPA's cost structure remains competitive as a result of the dominant and low-cost hydroelectric generation. In 2006, BPA's Full Requirement Power Rate was \$29.16/mwh which is well below the regional power price. In 2006 the average market rate was in the \$50/mwh range. Moody's believes that the relative economic advantage of BPA's hydroelectric assets has increased, as the price of other fuels have increased. In particular, hydroelectric generation has a growing advantage over natural gas fired generation. See Figure 2.



BPA AND REGION BEGINS PROCESS TO DECIDE FEDERAL HYDRO ALLOCATION AND POWER SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR BEYOND 2011

BPA expects that its available firm generation and its loads will be in balance between 2007-2011. BPA has begun the discussions on post 2011 energy allocation from the federal hydro system. BPA is expecting that power resource decisions including the allocation from the federal hydro system will be made in 2008. An important objective of BPA is to contract with the public sector purchasers of BPA energy and capacity for 20 year contracts. The longer-term take-or-pay contracts are to establish longer-term certainty for both price and infrastructure development decisions. BPA expects to develop tier rates so pricing signals can be incorporated into resource planning. Tier 1 rates would be for the power from the federal hydro system and tier 2 for augmentation if the utility contracts for any additional power resource.

BPA EXPECTS TO TAKE SIGNIFICANT STEP IN NEW TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

BPA has authorization to use third-party financing arrangements to finance new transmission infrastructure. The future transaction is expected to be similar to the Schultz-Wautoma lease purchase agreement issued by the Northwest Infrastructure Financing Corporation in 2005. There are several priority projects in the Northwest region BPA has identified to relieve transmission congestion or to build new lines to bring remote wind farm energy into the grid.

ENERGY NORTHWEST COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION MAINTAINS SOUND OPERATING RECORD

Of the original five planned nuclear units, the Columbia Generating Station is the only nuclear unit of the original five planned in operation with all the power economically dispatched by BPA. The 1,150 MW generating station has had an improving record, with a low average capacity factor of 69.1%. Capacity factors in more recent years have been improving and are in the 97% range. Much of the improvement has come from an employee improvement program and changing the refueling cycle from 12 to 24 months.

The plant has had a relatively good safety-performance record with satisfactory ratings from both the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations. Energy Northwest's operating license extends to 2023. The facility has sufficient spent fuel storage including capacity expansion through 2024. Energy Northwest's management is working on a proposal to request extension of the nuclear operating license by 20 years, from 2023 to 2043.

Financial Analysis

BPA'S SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REMAINS A CREDIT STRENGTH; WILLINGNESS TO MAINTAIN RATES TO SECURE SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION AND LIQUDITY TOOLS IDENTIFIED TO MEET RISK CONTINGENCIES ARE KEY FACTORS

BPA's financial results are significantly impacted by the impact of water conditions on hydroelectricity production and power sales. BPA's financial management has been focused on ensuring its federal and non-federal obligations are met while building reserves back to protect against future risks such as low water conditions.

BPA's demonstrated willingness to raise rates in a difficult situation such as the power crisis of 2000-2001 reflected the sound financial management of the agency. Wholesale power rates were raised by more than 40% to manage the combination of the impact of drought conditions on hydro production and the uncontrollable prices in the wholesale energy market. Subsequently wholesale rates have fallen and BPA remains very competitive within the region.

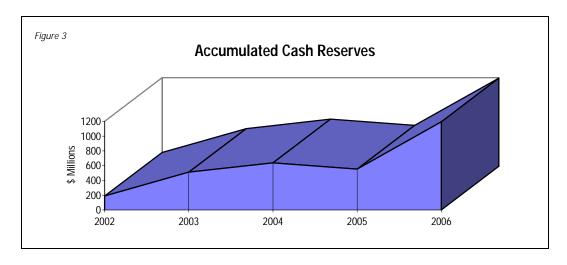
In 2006, BPA made payments to the U.S. Treasury in accordance with the stated schedule and also has included advanced amortization of debt under its debt optimization program. Net revenues were higher in 2006 and average rates declined slightly. Non-federal debt service coverage ratio improved in 2006 to 5.3 times. BPA's financial reserves were at their highest level ever. See Figure 3.

BPA has identified a strategy to guide it through future critical water periods with various financial and operational tools to ensure sufficient liquidity to manage its operations. The Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (CRAC) permits a one-year increase in rates up to \$300 million if accumulated net revenues are at or below a pre-determined threshold. BPA can also add a surcharge if fish recovery costs are higher than budgeted.

BONNEVILLE FUND IS A KEY SOURCE OF FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY

The Bonneville Fund is a continuing federal appropriation available to meet all of Bonneville's cash obligations. All receipts, collections, and recoverables of BPA in cash from all sources are deposited in the Bonneville Fund. BPA may make only such expenditures from the Bonneville Fund as shall have been included in budgets submitted annually to Congress. BPA includes in its annual budget submittal to Congress an amount sufficient to cover its obligations under the net billing agreements, including the payment of debt service on the net billed bonds. BPA is authorized under the Transmission System Act to make expenditures without further appropriation from Congress and without fiscal-year limitation if such expenditures have been included in the annual budget to Congress. The federal Office of Management and Budget includes BPA's budget in the budget the President submits to Congress.

In the opinion of the BPA's general counsel and according to federal statutes, BPA may only make payments to the US Treasury after making payments relating to the net billed bonds and other operating expenses. The net billed bonds have a priority position in the fund flow. This requirement could potentially result in the deferral of payments to the US Treasury in the event that net proceeds were insufficient for BPA to make its annual payment to the US Treasury. The deferral provides a source of financial flexibility for worst-case situations.



Related Research

Special Comment:

Public Power Enterprise Risk Management – An Important Step in Liquidity Assessment, February 2007 (102231)

Rating Methodology:

U.S. Municipal Joint Power Agencies, September 2006 (99024)

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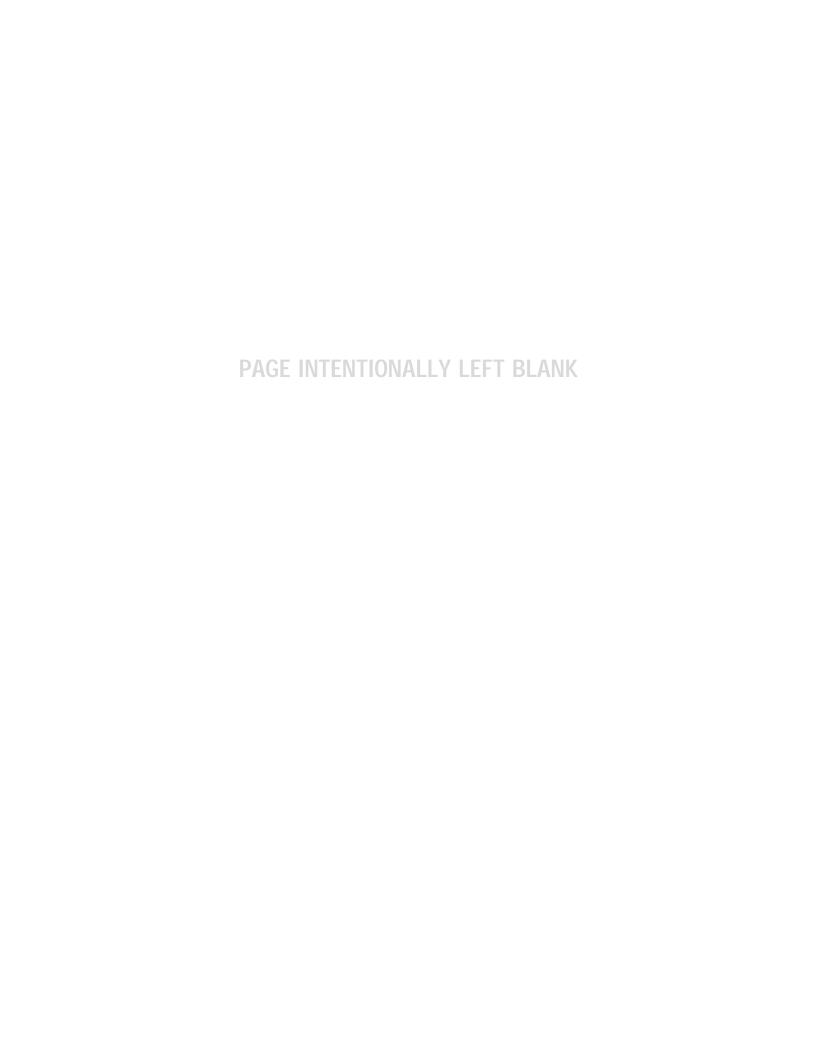
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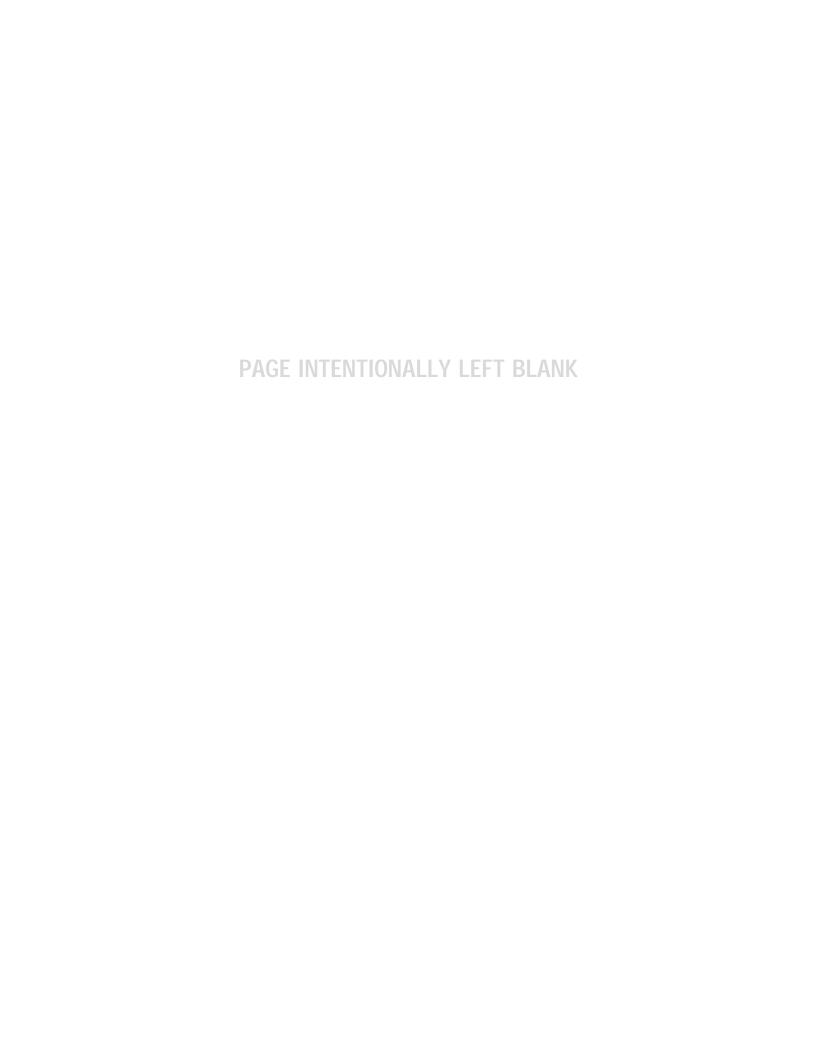
Financial Performance (fiscal y	ear ended 6/3	30 \$000)						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Operating revenues	\$401,980	\$432,366	\$428,111	\$421,513	\$453,140	\$437,415	\$430,570	\$413,919
Investment income	16,077	16,871	48,911	23.967	13,321	1,678	4,160	16,505
Nuclear fuel	23,978	30,744	34,204	30,311	27,061	35,322	28,570	37,812
O&M	95,354	104,859	145,486	118,064	161,302	129,572	178,659	146,987
Other	46,791	51,717	48,166	47,332	50,560	75,122	28,630	27,560
Total O&M expenses	166,123	187,320	227,856	195,707	238,923	241,724	240,019	228,864
Net revenues .	251,934	261,917	249,166	249,773	227,538	197,369	194,711	201,560
Interest expense	144,525	137,215	130,161	121,584	119,666	119,604	116,306	337,827
Principal and interest expense	276,490	274,040	301,641	256,581	140,976	119,604	118,483	337,827

⁽¹⁾ Columbia Generating Station; Projects 1 and 3 have been terminated and remaining debt is paid from nonoperating revenues and debt-service balances.

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Financial Performance (fiscal year	s ended 9/3	0 \$000) ⁽¹⁾						
,	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Sales to NW public utilities	898,744	934,270	\$939,362	\$1,798,477	\$1,723,341	\$1,737,895	\$1,717,063	\$1,711,889
Aluminum industry	322,517	363,454	420,694	58,466	18,494	92,424	82,454	80,021
Investor-owned utilities in NW	407,317	649,449	700,836	378,083	436,702	363,201	390,511	502,601
Sales outside NW	586,139	652,221	1,084,077	638,267	628,243	489,063	600,765	691,508
Wheeling and other sales	355,290	402,197	1,132,729	660,436	805,324	727,483	716,137	641,132
Other power sales	48,871	38,578	972	1,293	1,211	191,547	188,754	13,129
Total Net operating revenues(1)	2,618,879	3,040,169	4,278,669	3,533,729	3,612,104	3,197,911	3,268,083	3,419,369
O & M	1,116,045	1,520,408	3,247,059	2,462,591	2,097,563	1,668,016	1,692,716	1,699,733
Net-billed debt service	625,404	535,460	455,397	213,919	104,329	222,779	267,373	315,016
Non-net billed debt service	25,688	25,139	21,818	16,256	15,205	25,696	24,167	22,611
Total nonfederal project debt service	651,093	560,599	477,215	230,175	119,534	248,475	291,540	337,627
Residential exchange	63,619	63,593	68,082	143,983	143,967	125,915	144,073	157,157
Federal projects depreciation	309,183	319,942	323,314	335,205	350,025	366,239	375,600	353,238
Net operating revenue	478,939	575,627	162,999	361,775	901,015	789,266	764,154	872,605
Net interest expense on federal								
investment and treasury debt service	355,653	334,650	331,909	352,300	345,591	284,851	277,284	261,543
Net revenues (loss)	123,285	240,977	-337,401	9,475	555,424	504,415	486,870	611,063
U.S. Treasury payment Non-Federal Project Debt Service	780,001	863,248	808,221	1,137,784	1,174,221	1,183,668	1,187,553	1,113,000
Ratio (X)	2.5	2.9	2.4	4.9	13.1	6.5	5.6	5.3





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