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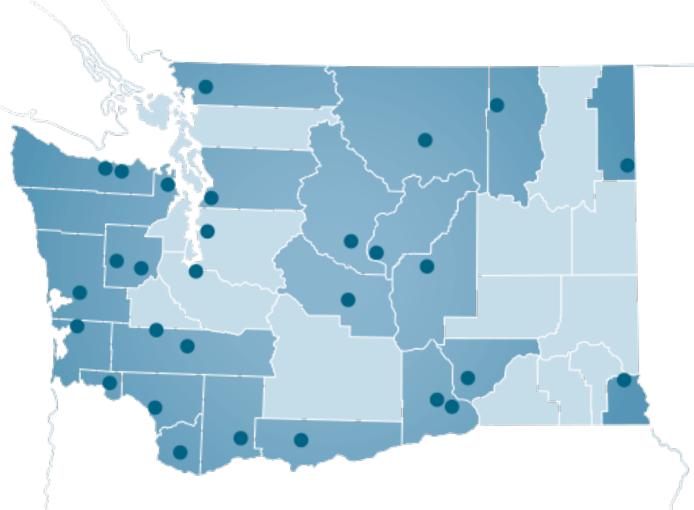
# About Us



- Not-for-profit joint operating agency since 1957
- Own and operate hydroelectric, wind, solar, battery storage and nuclear energy facilities
- Facilities provide power to utilities in 6 states: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, California

# **Our Members**

• 29 Washington public utilities and municipalities



# Our mission

Providing our public power members and regional customers with safe, reliable, cost-effective, responsible power generation and innovative energy and business solutions.





Nine Canyon Wind Project (96 MW)



Columbia Generating Station (1,207 MW)

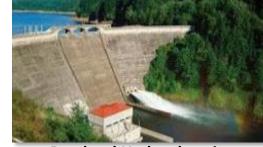


Horn Rapids Solar, Storage & Training Project (4 MW)

#### 100% Clean Generating Portfolio



White Bluffs Solar Station (38 KW)



Portland Hydroelectric Project (37.5 MW)



Tieton Hydroelectric Project (15 MW)



Ruby Flats Solar Project (127 MW)



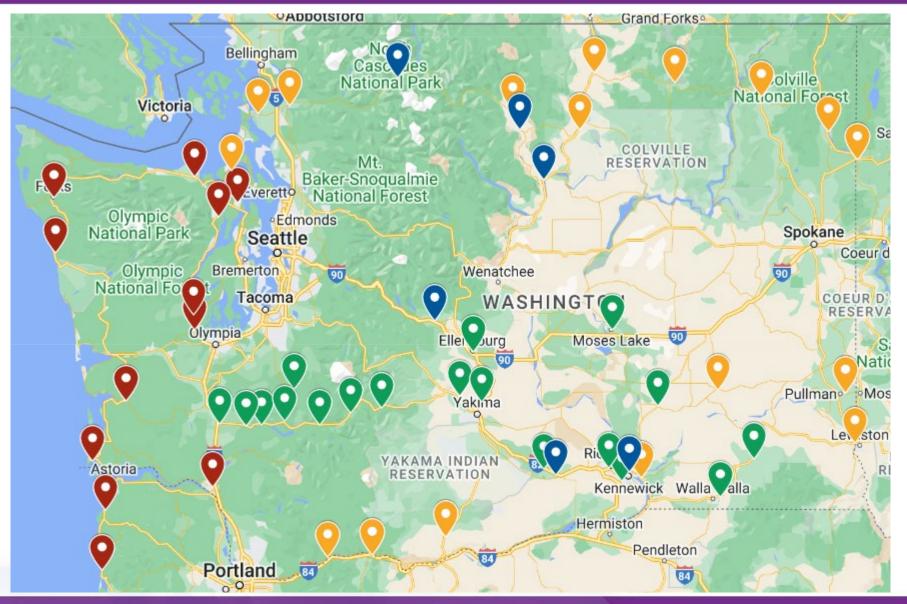
Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project (27 MW)



Stone Creek Hydroelectric Project (12 MW)

# **Other Programs and Services**

- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Clean Energy and Resilience Grants Program
- Energy Storage
- Smart Grid/Demand Side Management
- Workforce Development
- Public Power Internship Program



EVITA Charging Network

#### **EV Charging Station locations**

EN Owned (18)
Customer Owned (6)
Under Construction (17)
Recently Awarded (12)

\*Of the 29 locations being developed, 7 will be EN owned & 22 will be customer owned.

#### **Columbia Generating Station**

40 years of safe operations

Clean, river water returning to the atmosphere as water vapor

# **Columbia Generating Station**

- GE Boiling Water Reactor
- 1,207 MWe
- Online Dec. 1984
- Licensed through 2043
- 6+ years without unplanned shutdown
- Next refueling April 2025



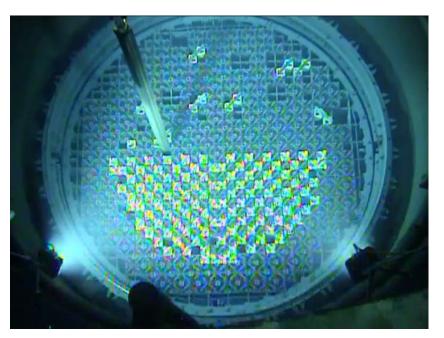


#### **Uranium Fuel**

- Uranium 235 (enriched 3-5%)
- Manufactured at GE in North Carolina
- Fuel assembly ~15 feet long
- 764 fuel assemblies in the reactor core
- 6 years in the reactor core

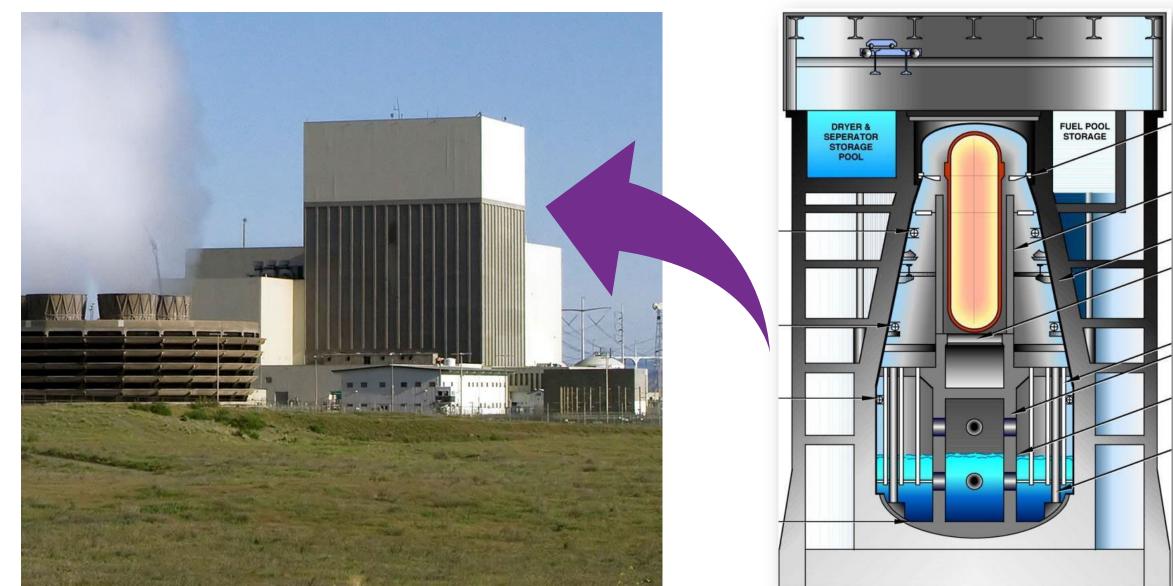


Uranium fuel pellets

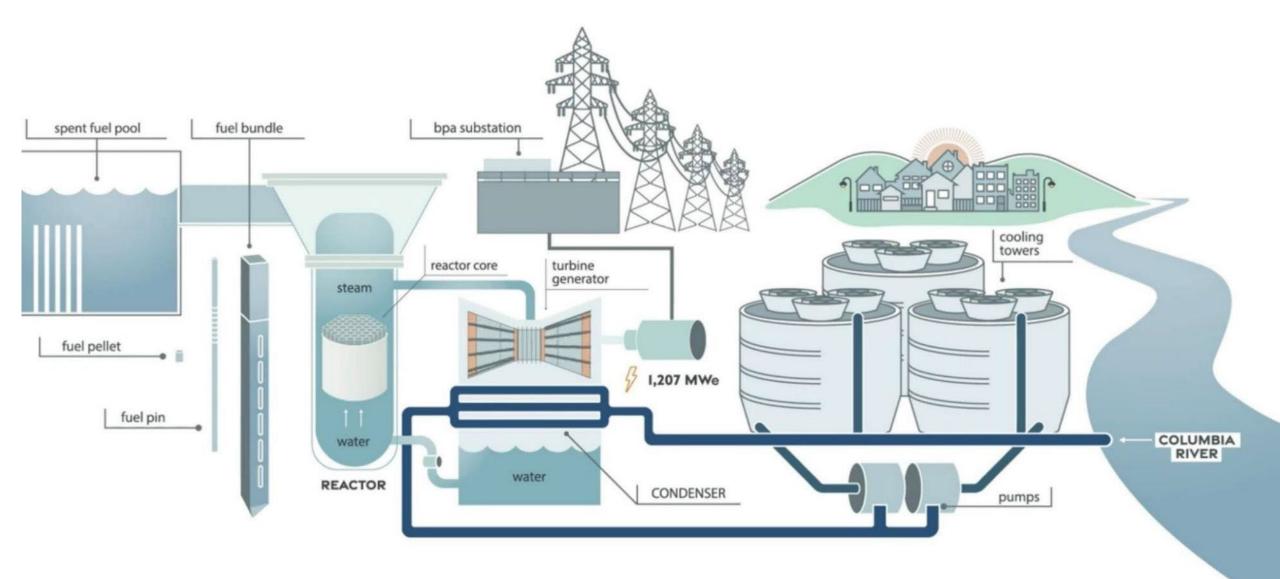


Reactor core during refueling outage

# **Reactor Building**



## **Boiling Water Reactor Steam Cycle**



# Inside the reactor core



# THE LIFE CYCLE OF NUCLEAR



One uranium fuel pellet creates as much energy as...

- One ton of coal
- 149 gallons of oil
- 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas



# **Used Nuclear Fuel**

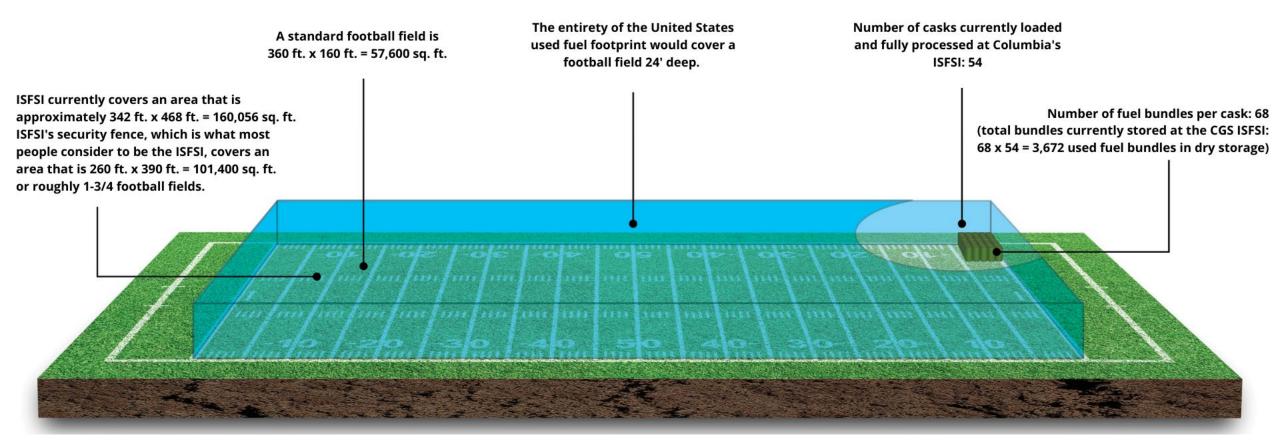
Dry casks stored at Columbia Generating Station

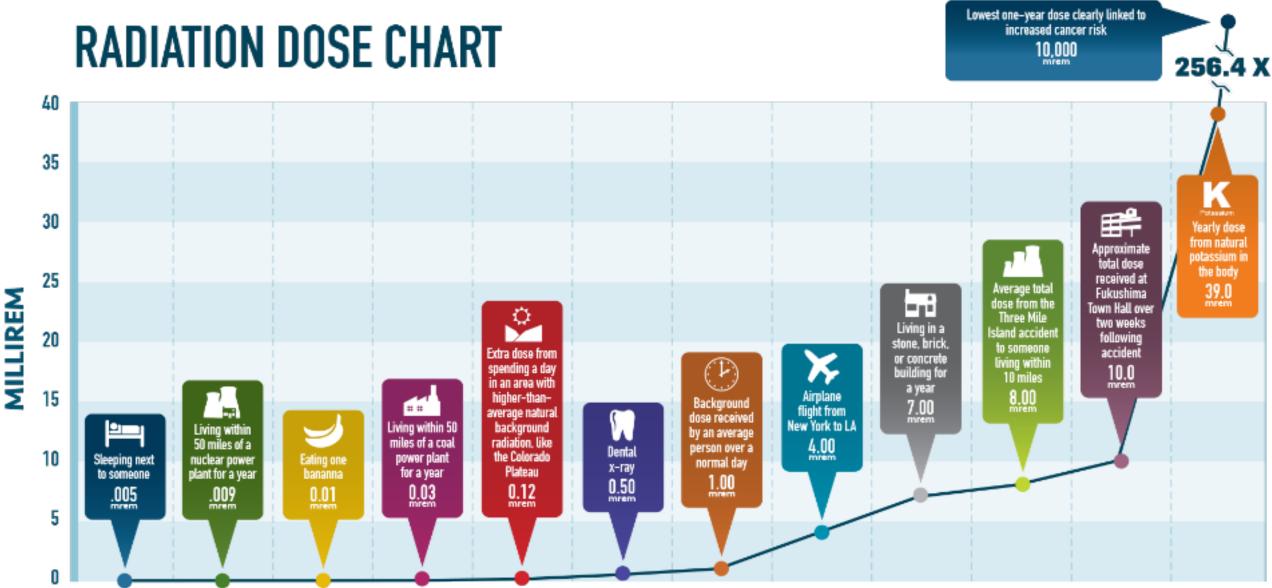






# Used Fuel from 60 + years of U.S. Commercial Operation Could Fit on a Football Field





#### Maximum yearly dose permitted for U.S. radiation workers (5,000 mrem)

# Pathways to a Carbon-Free Grid

#### Transition in the Northwest Power Industry



# Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest Serving Load Reliably under a Changing Resource Mix

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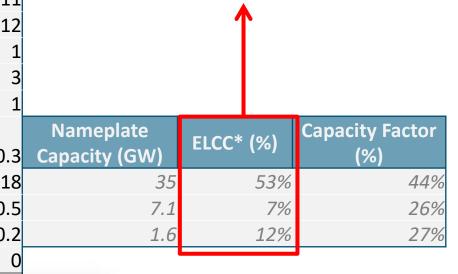
Arne Olson, Sr. Partner Zach Ming, Managing Consultant

#### **2018 Load and Resource Balance**

	2018
Load (GW)	
Peak Load	43
PRM (%)	12%
PRM	5
Total Load Requirement	48

Resources / Effective Ca	pacity (GW)	
Coal	11	
Gas	12	
Bio/Geo	1	
Imports	3	
Nuclear	1	
		Nameplat
DR	0.3	Capacity (G
Hydro	18	
Wind	0.5	
Solar	0.2	
Storage	0	
Total Supply	47	

#### Wind and solar contribute little effective capacity with ELCC\* of 7% and 12%



\*ELCC = Effective Load Carrying Capability = firm contribution to system peak load







#### Pacific Northwest Zero-Emitting Resources Study

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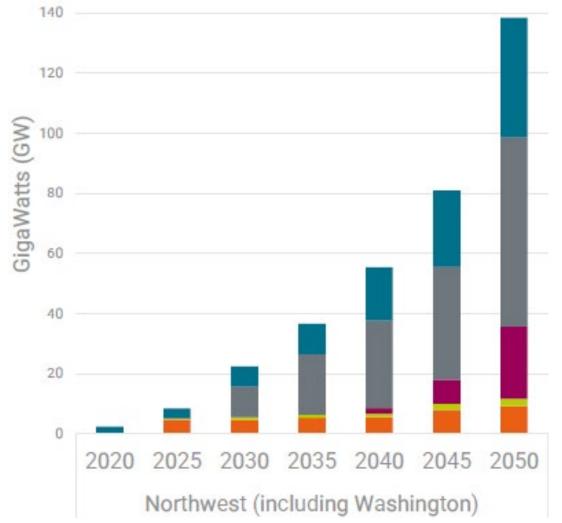
# Benefits of zero-emitting firm capacity at 100% GHG reductions

**100% GHG Reduction Portfolios Avoids** Adding 120 -9.5 GW +1.2 GW CGS Storage 100 +5.3 GW -44.8 GW **SMRs** Wind 80 Avoided -37 GW Solar Μ 60 40 +6.5 GW -91 GW Non-firm Firm 20 CGS + SMRs reduce system 0 +Firm Zero-GHG +NuScale SMRs RE + Storage +CGS costs by almost \$8B per year relative to RE + Storage

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# **2021 State Energy Strategy** Electric capacity additions – electrification scenario

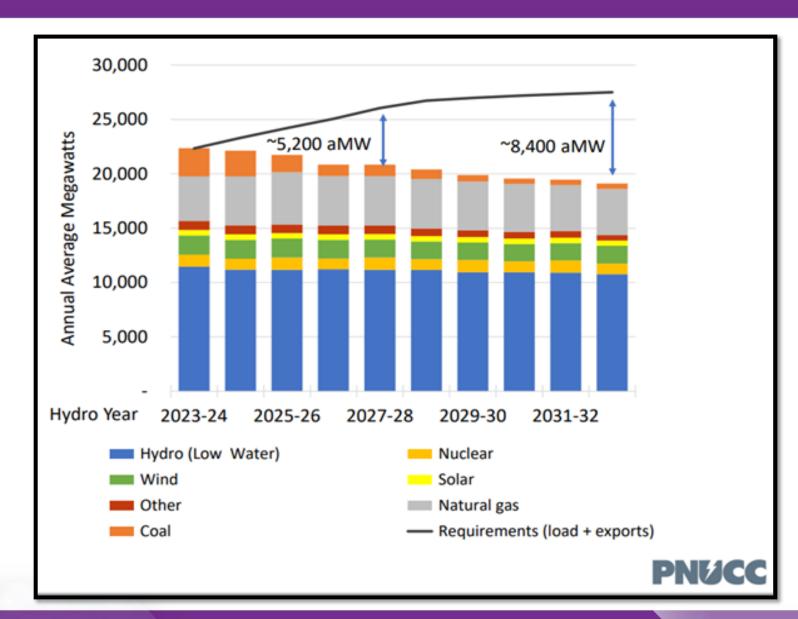


# Solar Other Onshore Wind Offshore Wind Gas CT (Unabated) Gas CCGT (unabated) Battery Storage

Source: Washington State Department of Commerce

#### **Projected Energy Shortfalls**

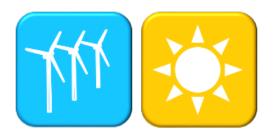
- Aggregation of NW utility IRPs
- Projected capacity shortfalls are higher



https://www.pnucc.org/system-planning/northwest-regional-forecast/



#### **Optimal Resource Mix under CETA**









Wind & Solar (w/ storage) Hydro

Existing Nuclear (Columbia) **New Nuclear** 

#### **New Developments**

#### **Project Funding Awards**

- \$33M in awards for electric vehicle charging stations
- \$150K from the Washington State Department of Commerce Clean Energy Fund to study long-duration energy storage
- \$150K from the Washington State Department of Commerce Clean Energy Fund to study a solar, storage, and hydro micro-grid

#### Federal Funding Coordination Program

• \$90M in total grant awards received for participating members

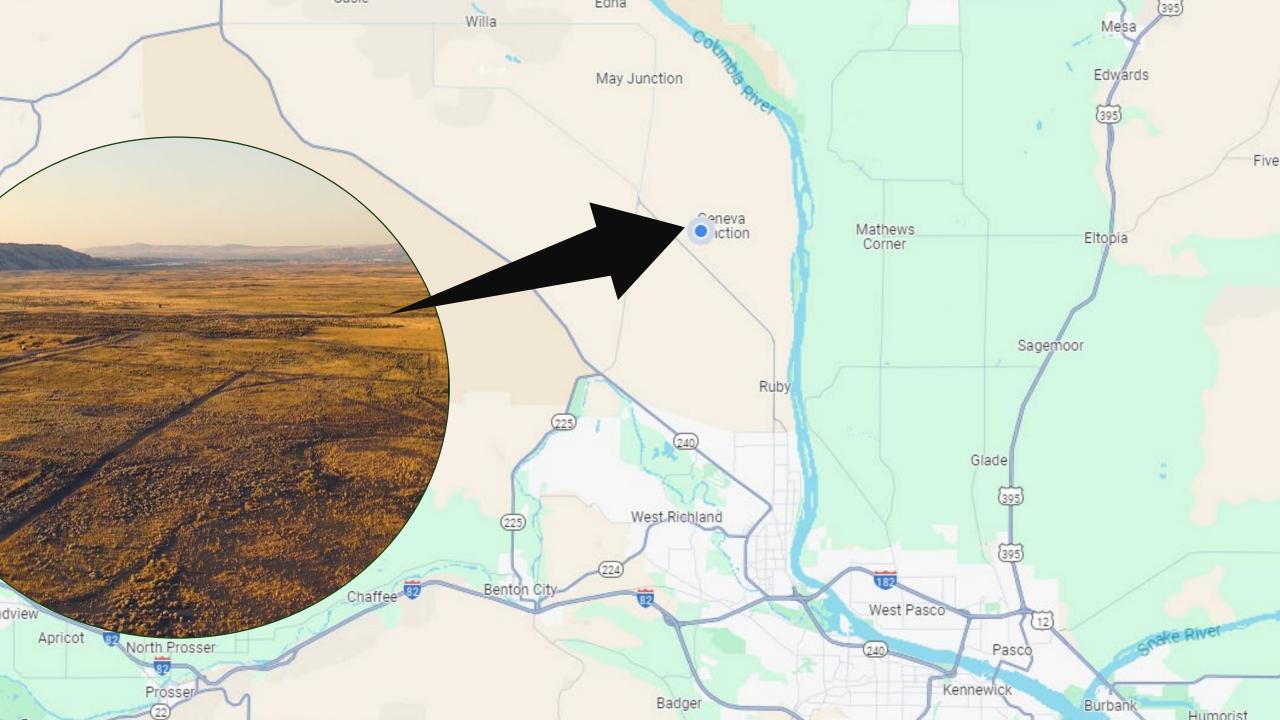
#### **New Solar Project Developments**

Ruby Flats Solar (127.5 MW)

- BPA interconnection in process (facilities study phase)
- Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) development
- Developer agreement



# **New Nuclear Development Project Information**



# Xe-100 Reactor

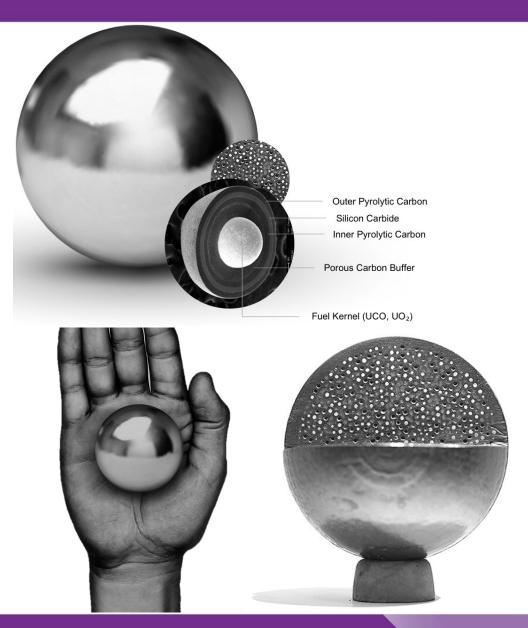
- High Temperature Gas (Helium) Reactor (HTGR) technology
- 1-12 Modules
- Wet or Dry cooling
- 80 MW/reactor module
- 60-year design life; 100+ year asset
- Continuous on-line refueling



# **TRISO-X Fuel**

#### Proprietary tri-structural isotropic (TRISO) coated particle fuel

- Unique manufacturing process ensures quality and decreases unusable scrap
- Cannot melt in the Xe-100 reactor
- The fuel is the reactor containment, locking in 99.999% of all fission products
- Simplifies the design and operations and fewer components



# **Project Pathway**

Decision on moving forward with Project	Site Licensing evaluations, data gathering, characterization and development work.	Site Construction Permit Application/ Approval	Non-Nuclear then Nuclear Construction; 4 Reactor Buildings and all supporting buildings/structures/ systems.	Cold and Hot Commissioning/ Testing of all 4 Reactor Buildings and Systems	
Go or No Go	Site Characterization	Construction Permit	Construction	Commissioning	

#### **New Nuclear Development**

- Industry Benchmarking
- Tribal Engagement
- Federal Engagement
- Community Engagement

#### Funding

- \$1M provided by public power utilities
- \$10M provided by Puget Sound Energy
- \$25M proviso included in Washington State Legislative budget
- Big tech investor interest

**Project Financing** 

- DOE Loan Program Office (80%)
- Additional external financing (20%)

#### **Pathway to Public Power Deployment**



# **Questions?**

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# **Today's Tour**

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🖦 Load Bus

Horn Rapids Solar Storage & Training Project

#### **Columbia Generating Station**

#### Future Nuclear Site

#### What it costs to create equivalent value

Assumption: 95% capacity factor, 60-year life

Small Modular			<b>Combined Cycle</b>	
<b>Reactor LCOE</b>	Solar LCOE	Wind LCOE	Natural Gas LCOE	
\$58-63/MWh	4 times the cost	5 times the cost	3 times the cost	
	Eastern WA	Eastern WA		

LCOE= levelized cost of electricity Source: Grant PUD, (Lazard Data v13.0 95% CapFac \$25 LO \$65 CO2 Penalty)

#### The cost of nuclear

#### With Nuclear

Lower system cost

Higher capacity

Less land impact

Less transmission buildout

Lower environmental impact

Mining

Waste disposal

#### Without Nuclear

Significant overbuild of

renewables

Significant energy storage required

Significant transmission buildout

Dependence on the market during

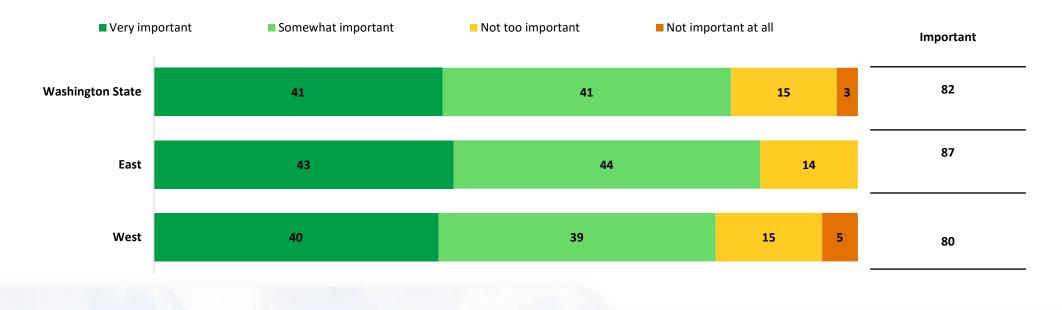
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Hydrogen economy development

#### **Statewide Favorability of Nuclear Energy**

#### Nuclear Energy's Importance for Meeting <u>Washington's</u> Electricity Needs = 82%

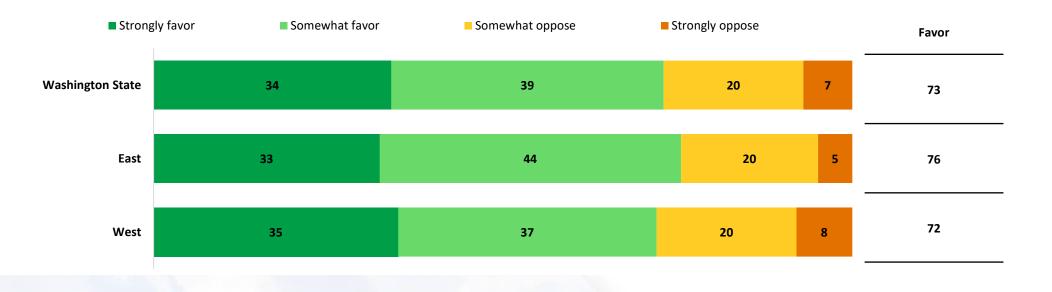
**Q:** How important do you think nuclear energy will be in meeting Washington state's electricity needs in the years ahead? (%)



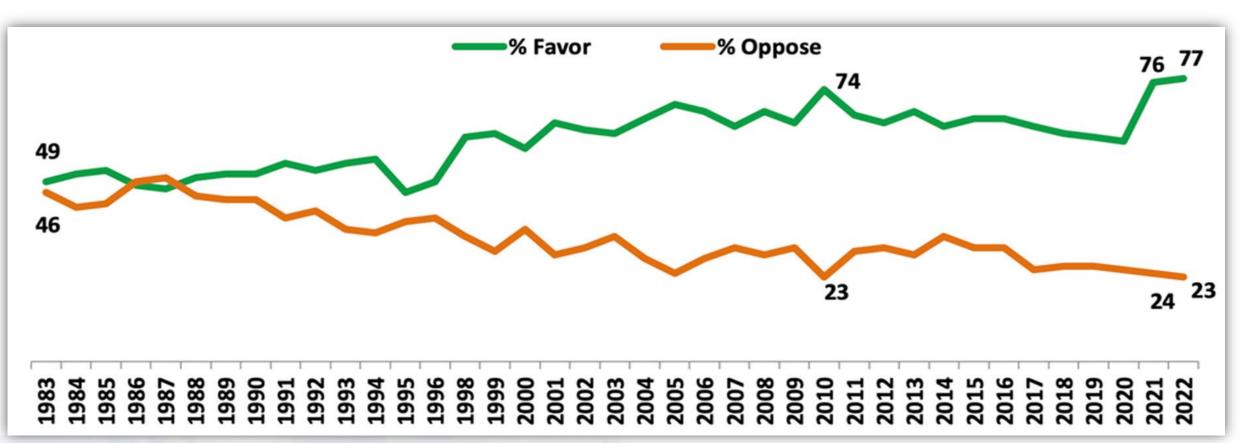
#### **Statewide Favorability of Nuclear Energy**

#### **Nuclear Energy's 'favorability rating' in Washington State = 73%**

**Q:** Overall, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity in Washington state? (%)



#### **Favorability of Nuclear Energy Nationally**



Favorability to Nuclear Energy (%) 1983-2022