

#### **Major Power Plants of the Pacific Northwest**

From the late 1800s, when the first hydropower turbines were installed on Columbia River tributaries, into the 1960s water power from dams in the Columbia River Basin provided most of the electricity in the Pacific Northwest. Then, as population increased and the regional economy grew, demand for electricity surpassed the output of the dams. Other types of power plants were built, steadily adding to the region's electricity supply. Primarily these were baseload coal and nuclear steam-electric plants and small peaking combustion turbines fueled by natural gas. Later, the system was further expanded by the addition of highly efficient natural gas combined-cycle plants. Recently, large numbers of wind turbine generators have been added to the system.

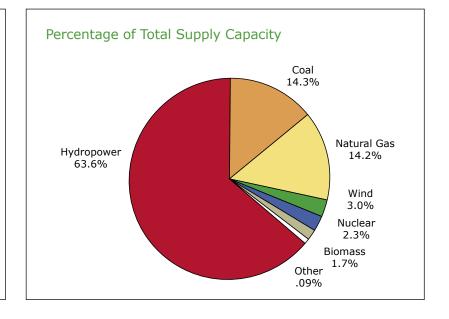
Electricity in the Northwest still is dominated by hydropower, which accounts for about 64 percent of the supply capacity. The amount of hydropower varies with water conditions. Most of the region's hydropower is generated on the Columbia River and its tributaries, but there also are dams on other rivers, particularly those that empty into Puget Sound. In years when precipitation

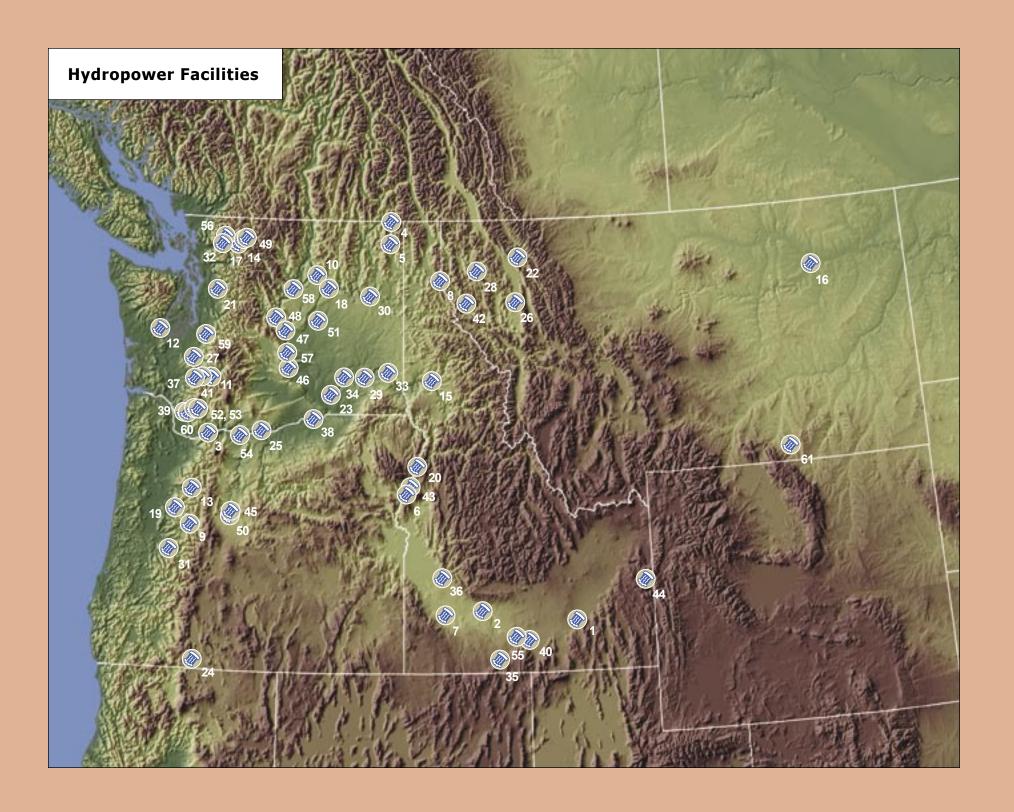
In this publication, the output of power plants is expressed in megawatts of capacity. Capacity is the maximum power that can be produced by a power plant at specified times under specified conditions. One average megawatt is enough electricity to power approximately 700 homes for one year.

and runoff are normal, the region's hydroelectric system can provide about 16,000 average megawatts of electricity (an average megawatt is one million watts supplied continuously for a period of one year). The amount can be as much as 20,000 in a wet year or as little as 12,000 in a dry year. About 14 percent of the region's electricity capacity comes from plants that burn coal, with plants that burn natural gas providing a similar amount. The region's single operating nuclear plant, located in eastern Washington, accounts for about 2 percent of the region's capacity. In all, the region's power supply capacity totals about 53,000 megawatts.

The map in this brochure shows the diversity of the modern power supply in the Northwest, but not all of the power plants. The smallest plants are not shown because there are so many. The map also doesn't depict the most important resource to the Power and Conservation Council — energy conservation. Consistent with the Northwest Power Act of 1980, the federal law that authorized the four Northwest states to create the Council, energy conservation gets planning preference over all other sources of electricity to meet future demand for power. At a cost that is less than the cost of building new generating plants, measures can be implemented to improve energy efficiency — insulation, double-paned windows, compact fluorescent light bulbs, low-wattage traffic lights and energy-efficient industrial motors, for example. Between 1983, when the Council completed its first Northwest Power Plan, and 2004 more than 2,900 megawatts of conservation have been achieved in the Northwest. Expressed as energy generation, that is more than enough power for two cities the size of Seattle.

|   | Type of Fuel | Capacity in Megawatts | Percentage of Total Supply |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|   | Hydropower   | 33,562                | 63.6%                      |
|   | Coal         | 7,505                 | 14.3%                      |
|   | Natural Gas  | 7,562                 | 14.2%                      |
|   | Wind         | 895                   | 3.0%                       |
|   | Nuclear      | 1,588                 | 2.3%                       |
| * | Biomass      | 1200                  | 1.7%                       |
|   | Other        | 486                   | 0.9%                       |
|   | Totals       | 52,798                | 100%                       |







# Hydropower Facilities\*

| Number | Project Name               | Capacity | Owner                        |        |                    |          |                              |
|--------|----------------------------|----------|------------------------------|--------|--------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| 1      | American Falls             | 92.4     | Idaho Power Co.              | Number | Project Name       | Capacity | Owner                        |
| 2      | Bliss                      | 75       | Idaho Power Co.              | 33     | Lower Granite      | 810      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| 3      | Bonneville                 | 1050.4   | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 34     | Lower Monumental   | 810      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| 4      | Boundary                   | 1039.8   | City of Seattle              |        |                    |          | , , ,                        |
| 5      | Box Canyon Dam             | 60       | Pend Oreille Co. PUD         | 35     | Lower Salmon Falls | 60       | Idaho Power Co.              |
| 6      | Brownlee                   | 585.4    | Idaho Power Co.              | 36     | Lucky Peak         | 101.25   | Boise Proj. Board of Control |
| 7      | C.J. Strike                | 82.8     | Idaho Power Co.              | 37     | Mayfield Dam       | 162      | City of Tacoma               |
| 8      | Cabinet Gorge              | 231.3    | Avista                       | 38     | McNary             | 980      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| 9      | Carmen-Smith               | 104.5    | City of Eugene (EWEB)        | 39     | Merwin (Ariel dam) | 136      | PacifiCorp                   |
| 10     | Chief Joseph               | 2075     | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 40     | Milner A           | 58.62    | Milner Dam Inc.              |
| 11     | Cowlitz Falls              | 70.2     | Lewis County PUD             | 41     | Mossyrock          | 300      | City of Tacoma               |
| 12     | Cushman 2                  | 81       | City of Tacoma               | 42     | Noxon Rapids       | 466.2    | Avista                       |
| 13     | Detroit                    | 100      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 43     | Oxbow              | 190      | Idaho Power Co.              |
| 14     | Diablo                     | 152.8    | City of Seattle              | 44     | Palisades          | 118.75   | U.S. Bureau of Reclamation   |
| 15     | Dworshak                   | 400      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 45     | Pelton             | 97.2     | Portland General Electric    |
| 16     | Fort Peck                  | 185.3    | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 46     | Priest Rapids      | 855      | Grant Co. PUD                |
| 17     | Gorge                      | 158.825  | City of Seattle              | 47     | Rock Island        | 622.5    | Chelan Co. PUD               |
| 18     | Grand Coulee               | 6832.5   | U.S. Bureau of Reclamation   | 48     | Rocky Reach        | 1213.15  | Chelan Co. PUD               |
| 19     | Green Peter                | 80       | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 49     | Ross               | 338.625  | City of Seattle              |
| 20     | Hell's Canyon              | 391.5    | Idaho Power Co.              | 50     | Round Butte        | 300      | Portland General Electric    |
| 21     | Henry M. Jackson (Culmback | ) 111.8  | Snohomish Co. PUD            | 51     | Summer Falls       | 92       | Columbia Basin Irr. Dists.   |
| 22     | Hungry Horse               | 428      | U.S. Bureau of Reclamation   | 52     | Swift 1            | 240      | PacifiCorp                   |
| 23     | Ice Harbor                 | 603      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 53     | Swift 2            | 70       | Cowlitz PUD                  |
| 24     | John C. Boyle              | 80       | PacifiCorp                   | 54     | The Dalles         | 1807     | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| 25     | John Day                   | 2160     | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 55     | Twin Falls A & B   | 52.7     | Idaho Power Co.              |
| 26     | Kerr                       | 180      | PPL Montana                  | 56     | Upper Baker        | 90.7     | Puget Sound Energy           |
| 27     | LaGrande                   | 65       | City of Tacoma               | 57     | Wanapum            | 900      | Grant Co. PUD                |
| 28     | Libby                      | 525      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 58     | Wells              | 774.3    | Douglas Co. PUD              |
| 29     | Little Goose               | 810      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 59     | White River        | 70       | Puget Sound Energy           |
| 30     | Long Lake                  | 71       | Avista                       | 60     | Yale               | 134      | PacifiCorp                   |
| 31     | Lookout Point              | 120      | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | 61     | Yellowtail         | 250      | U.S. Bureau of Reclamation   |
| 32     | Lower Baker                | 71.36    | Puget Sound Energy           |        |                    |          |                              |
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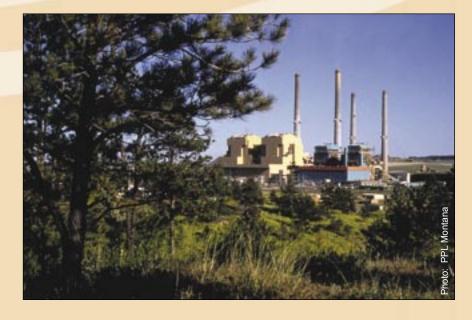
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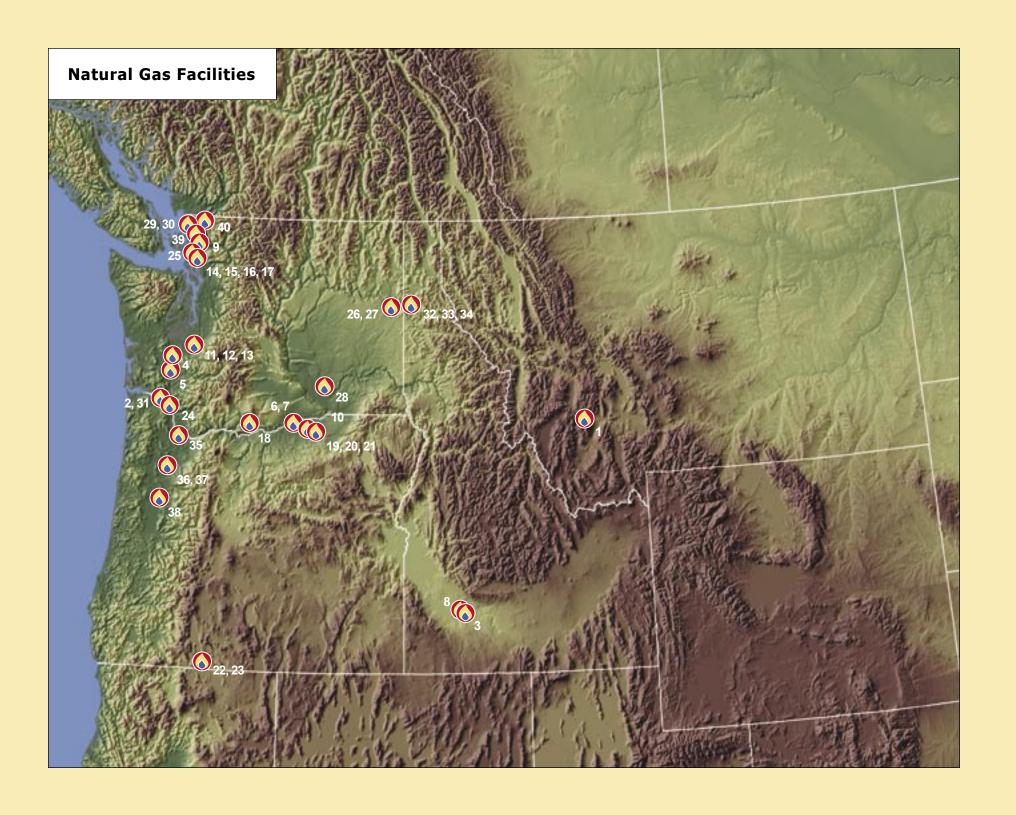




### **line** Coal Facilities

| Number | Project Name                  | Capacity | Owner  |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| 1      | Boardman                      | 560.5    | PGE (65%); GE Credit Corp (15%); Idaho Power (10%); Pac NW Generating Coop (10%) |
| 2      | Centralia 1                   | 729.99   | TransAlta  |
| 3      | Centralia 2                   | 729.99   | TransAlta  |
| 4      | Colstrip 1                    | 358.4    | PPL Montana (50%); Puget Sound (50%)   |
| 5      | Colstrip 2                    | 358.4    | PPL Montana (50%); Puget Sound (50%)   |
| 6      | Colstrip 3                    | 778      | PPL Montana (30%); Puget Sound (25%); PGE (20%), Avista (20%); PacifiCorp (10%)  |
| 7      | Colstrip 4                    | 778      | NorthWestern (30%) (lease); PSE (25%); PGE (20%), Avista (20%); PacifiCorp (10%) |
| 8      | J.E. Corette                  | 191      | PPL Montana  |
| 9      | Jim Bridger 1                 | 577.875  | PacifiCorp (66.7%); Idaho Power (33%)  |
| 10     | Jim Bridger 2                 | 577.875  | PacifiCorp (66.7%); Idaho Power (33%)  |
| 11     | Jim Bridger 3                 | 577.875  | PacifiCorp (66.7%); Idaho Power (33%)  |
| 12     | Jim Bridger 4                 | 577.875  | PacifiCorp (66.7%); Idaho Power (33%)  |
| 13     | Montana One (Colstrip Energy) | 43.7     | Colstrip Energy, LP  |
| 14     | Rocky Mountain Power Plant    | 113      | Centennial Energy Resources (MDU Resources) d.b.a. Rocky Mountain Power, Inc.    |
| 15     | Valmy 1                       | 254.26   | Sierra Pacific Power (50%); Idaho Power (50%)                                    |
| 16     | Valmy 2                       | 267      | Sierra Pacific Power (50%); Idaho Power (50%)                                    |







## Natural Gas Facilities

| Number | Project Name                      | Capacity | Owner   |
|--------|-----------------------------------|----------|---|
| 1      | Basin Creek                       | 54       | Basin Creek Power   |
| 2      | Beaver 1 - 7                      | 586.2    | Portland General Electric                                   |
| 3      | Bennett Mountain                  | 162      | Idaho Power Co.   |
| 4      | Big Hanaford                      | 248      | TransAlta   |
| 5      | Chehalis Generating Facility      | 520      | SUEZ Energy Marketing NA                                    |
| 6      | Coyote Springs 1                  | 266.4    | Portland General Electric                                   |
| 7      | Coyote Springs 2                  | 281      | Avista  |
| 8      | Danskin (Evander Andrews) 1 & 2   | 90       | Idaho Power Co.   |
| 9      | Encogen 1-3                       | 158.32   | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 10     | Finley Combustion Turbine Plant   | 27       | Benton Co. PUD  |
| 11     | Frederickson 1                    | 84.6     | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 12     | Frederickson 2                    | 84.6     | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 13     | Frederickson Power 1              | 269      | EPCOR dba Frederickson Power, LLC (~50%)/Puget Sound Energy |
| 14     | Fredonia 1                        | 123.636  | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 15     | Fredonia 2                        | 123.636  | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 16     | Fredonia 3                        | 53       | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 17     | Fredonia 4                        | 53       | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 18     | Goldendale Energy Center          | 237      | Calpine Corporation   |
| 19     | Hermiston Generating Project 1    | 234.5    | PacifiCorp (50%), Hermiston Generating Co. (50%)            |
| 20     | Hermiston Generating Project 2    | 234.5    | PacifiCorp (50%), Hermiston Generating Co. (50%)            |
| 21     | Hermiston Power Project           | 649      | Calpine, dba Hermiston Power Partners                       |
| 22     | Klamath Cogeneration Project      | 484      | PPM Energy  |
| 23     | Klamath Peakers                   | 100      | PPM Energy  |
| 24     | Longview Fibre 8 (CT)             | 68       | KVA Resources   |
| 25     | March Point 1 - 4                 | 167.04   | March Point Associates                                      |
| 26     | Northeast 1                       | 30.6     | Avista  |
| 27     | Northeast 2                       | 30.6     | Avista  |
| 28     | Pasco Peak Power                  | 46       | Franklin PUD and Grays Harbor PUD                           |
| 29     | Point Whitehorn 2                 | 88.879   | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 30     | Point Whitehorn 3                 | 88.879   | Puget Sound Energy  |
| 31     | Port Westward                     | 399      | Portland General Electric                                   |
| 32     | Rathdrum 1                        | 83.25    | Avista  |
| 33     | Rathdrum 2                        | 83.25    | Avista  |
| 34     | Rathdrum Power                    | 270      | Cogentrix Energy; Avista Power                              |
| 35     | River Road Generating Plant       | 248      | Clark Public Utilities                                      |
| 36     | SP Newsprint GT1                  | 51       | SP Newsprint  |
| 37     | SP Newsprint GT2                  | 51       | SP Newsprint  |
| 38     | Sumas Energy                      | 125.5    | Sumas Cogeneration Co.                                      |
| 39     | Tenaska WA Partners Cogen Station | 245.689  | Tenaska Power Partners/Diamond Generating Corp.             |
| 40     | Weyerhaeuser (Albany) 01          | 47       | Weyerhaeuser Co.  |





### **Wind Facilities**

| Number | Project Name                            | Capacity | Owner                                      |
|--------|---|----------|--|
| 1      | Combine Hills I                         | 41       | Enrus Energy America, Inc.                 |
| 2      | Condon                                  | 49.8     | SeaWest Power Systems                      |
| 3      | Fossil Gulch                            | 10.5     | Exergy Development Group                   |
| 4      | Hopkins Ridge                           | 150      | Puget Sound Energy                         |
| 5      | Horseshoe Bend                          | 9        | United Materials                           |
| 6      | Judith Gap                              | 135      | Invenergy Wind, LLC                        |
| 7      | Klondike I                              | 24       | PPM Energy                                 |
| 8      | Klondike II                             | 75       | PPM Energy                                 |
| 9      | Nine Canyon                             | 63.7     | Energy Northwest                           |
| 10     | Rock River I                            | 50       | Shell WindEnergy, Inc.                     |
| 11     | Stateline                               | 300      | FPL Energy                                 |
| 12     | Vansycle Wind Energy Project            | 24.9     | ESI Vansycle Partners                      |
| 13     | Wild Horse                              | 228.6    | Puget Sound Energy                         |
| 14     | Wolverine Creek                         | 64.5     | Invenergy, dba Wolverine Creek Energy, LLC |
| 15     | Wyoming Wind Energy (Foote Creek Rim 1) | 41.4     | PacifiCorp (80%); EWEB (20%)               |



Combine Hills Wind Project, Milton-Freewater, Oregon





#### **Nuclear Facilities**

Number Project Name

Capacity

Owner

1 Columbia Generating Station

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**Energy Northwest** 



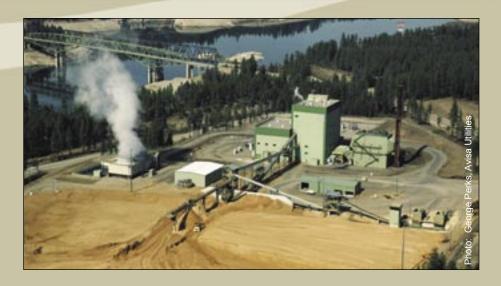
Columbia Generating Station, Richland, Washignton





#### **Biomass Facilities**

| Number | Project Name                            | Capacity | Owner                     |
|--------|---|----------|---------------------------|
| 1      | Biomass One 1 & 2                       | 25       | Biomass 1, L.P.           |
| 2      | Covanta Marion                          | 14       | Ogden-Martin              |
| 3      | Everett Cogeneration Project            | 42       | Snohomish Co. PUD         |
| 4      | Georgia-Pacific (Camas)                 | 52       | PacifiCorp                |
| 5      | Georgia-Pacific (Wauna)                 | 36       | Clatskanie PUD; EWEB      |
| 6      | Kettle Falls Generating Station         | 50.7     | Avista                    |
| 7      | Longview Fibre 1 - 7 (CR & Pwr Boilers) | 67       | Longview Fibre Co.        |
| 8      | Potlatch (Lewiston) 3                   | 28.8     | Potlatch Corp.            |
| 9      | Potlatch (Lewiston) 4                   | 65       | Potlatch Corp.            |
| 10     | Roseburg Forest Products (Dillard)      | 45       | Roseburg Forest Products  |
| 11     | Sierra Pacific (Aberdeen) GEN 1         | 18       | Sierra Pacific Industries |
| 12     | SP Newsprint (ST)                       | 40       | SP Newsprint              |
| 13     | Stimson Lumber                          | 14.5     | Stimson Lumber            |
| 14     | Weyerhaeuser (Albany) 02                | 45       | Weyerhaeuser Co.          |
| 15     | Weyerhaeuser (Longview) TG 4            | 18       | Weyerhaeuser Co.          |
| 16     | Weyerhaeuser (Longview) TG 5            | 31.4     | Weyerhaeuser Co.          |
| 17     | Weyerhaeuser (Springfield) 3            | 12.5     | Weyerhaeuser Co.          |
| 18     | Weyerhaeuser (Springfield) 4 (WEYCO)    | 51.2     | City of Eugene (EWEB)     |
| 19     | Wheelabrator Spokane GEN 1              | 26       | City Of Spokane           |





#### The Northwest Power and Conservation Council

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council was authorized to be created through the 1980 Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act) to give the citizens of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington a stronger voice in determining the future of key resources common to all four states — namely, the electricity generated at, and fish and wildlife affected by, the Columbia River Basin hydropower dams.

The Council is a unique organization that helps the Pacific Northwest make critical decisions that balance the multiple uses of the Columbia River and its tributaries.



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