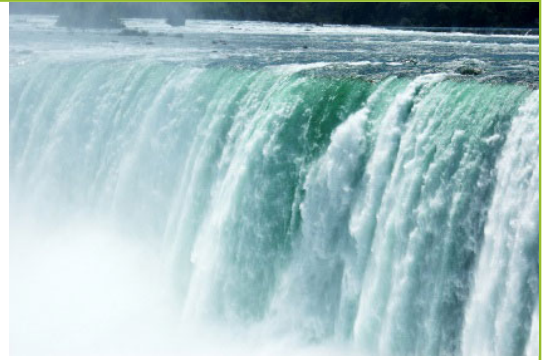


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## Fact: We Value Clean Power

The foundation of the Northwest power system is clean renewable hydroelectricity. As a region, we value the multiple benefits derived from this resource, including the fact that it is free of carbon emissions. Because so much of our energy is generated by dams on the region's rivers, our power system currently boasts the lowest carbon footprint in the United States. Almost 50 percent of our electricity comes from hydro, which is non-polluting and relatively low cost.

The Northwest is home to one nuclear power plant, which provides about four percent of the region's energy. That plant, the Columbia Generating Station, is an important piece of our current and future electricity supply, and it emits no greenhouse gases.

While fossil fuels could eventually be phased out and replaced with new low-carbon technologies, that won't happen overnight. Today the region also gets about 20 percent of its electricity from coal-fired plants. In the next decade, we will continue to rely on these plants, which are reliable and affordable, but there are no plans to build more at this time. Utilities here and around the country are tracking federal efforts to develop clean coal technologies since coal is an abundant low-cost fuel.

Northwest utilities have long been conscious about environmental protection. It is our intent to continue that stewardship and to rely less and less on fossil fuels for electricity generation.

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