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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-84-55

Date: 08/30/84

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

FACILITY: Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) Washington Nuclear Project No. 2 Docket No. 50-397 Benton County, Washington	Licensee Emergency Classification <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
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SUBJECT: COWLITZ COUNTY PUD WITHDRAWS FROM WPPSS

On August 29 the Cowlitz County PUD (Washington State) voted to withdraw from the Washington Public Power Supply System. This was due to an insurance company refusal to offer coverage of the PUD corporate officers for any matters relating to WPPSS. The president of the WPPSS full board of directors, also a member of the 18 person executive board, was from the Cowlitz County PUD, and has resigned these positions.

Media interest is expected in view of the recent WPPSS executive board decision to assign all WPPSS assets to the Bonneville Power Administration in the event that a federal appeals court decides that BPA net billing agreements with WPPSS are invalid.

Neither the Region nor the licensee plan a press release.

The purpose of this PN is for information only.

The information is current as of 2:30 pm PDT on August 30, 1984.

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