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**\$2.5 MILLION IN REVENUE NOTES
SOLD BY WPPSS**

WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM TODAY SOLD \$2.5 MILLION IN REVENUE NOTES AT AN EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE OF 4.7 PERCENT TO THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. USE OF THE MONEY WILL INCLUDE FINANCING THE PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT WORK FOR WPPSS THERMAL PROJECT NO. 4, A POWER PLANT OF ABOUT 1,200,000 KILOWATTS CAPACITY TO BE PLACED IN COMMERCIAL OPERATION IN 1984 AT A SITE YET TO BE DETERMINED.

AN OFFERING FOR THE REVENUE NOTES ALSO WAS RECEIVED FROM PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AT AN EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE OF 5.45 PERCENT; AND FROM EHRLICH-BOBER, INC., NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AT AN EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE OF 5.99 PERCENT. THE NOTES WILL MATURE ON DECEMBER 15, 1975.

BIDS FOR THE REVENUE NOTES WERE ACCEPTED BY THE SUPPLY SYSTEM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING IN SEATTLE. THIS PAST JANUARY, THE BOARD HAD AUTHORIZED ISSUANCE OF THE REVENUE NOTES TO PAY THE COST OF PRELIMINARY WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY OR FACILITIES. THIS WORK WILL INCLUDE SITING STUDIES, ENGINEERING STUDIES, AND DETERMINING THE NATURE, TYPE, AND SIZE OF ANY SUCH FACILITY OR FACILITIES.

IMMEDIATE USE OF THE FUNDS FROM THE REVENUE NOTES CAN BE MADE FOR WPPSS THERMAL PROJECT NO. 4. THE SUPPLY SYSTEM'S BOARD LAST JUNE APPROVED THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL, REPRESENTING ABOUT 104 PUBLIC ELECTRIC POWER AGENCIES IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, THAT THE SUPPLY SYSTEM UNDERTAKE THE FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THIS PROJECT.

THE SUPPLY SYSTEM NOW HAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN EASTERN WASHINGTON WPPSS NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2, A 1,100,000 KILOWATT \$476 MILLION NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATION IN 1977. TWO OTHER NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, WPPSS NUCLEAR PROJECTS NO. 1 AND NO. 3, ARE BEING DESIGNED FOR LOCATION IN EASTERN AND WESTERN WASHINGTON, RESPECTIVELY. THE TOTAL COMBINED COST OF THESE TWO PROJECTS WILL EXCEED \$1.3 BILLION. THEIR COMBINED ELECTRICAL OUTPUT WILL BE MORE THAN 2,400,000 KILOWATTS. PROJECT NO. 1 IS SCHEDULED FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATION IN 1980 AND NO. 3 IN 1981.

SEVENTY PERCENT OF NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 3 IS OWNED BY THE SUPPLY SYSTEM AND THE REMAINING 30 PERCENT IS OWNED BY FOUR INVESTOR OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES (PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT, PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC, PUGET SOUND POWER & LIGHT, AND THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY).

IN ADDITION, THE SUPPLY SYSTEM NOW OPERATES THE 860,000 KILOWATT HANFORD NO. 1 STEAM PLANT. LOCATED ON THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION'S HANFORD RESERVATION IN EASTERN WASHINGTON, THIS PLANT USES STEAM FROM THE AEC'S DUAL-PURPOSE N-REACTOR. AT PRESENT, IT HAS GENERATED MORE ELECTRICITY USING NUCLEAR ENERGY THAN ANY OTHER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN THE UNITED STATES.

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