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PUGET POWER IS LAWSUIT WINNER

The \$4,900,000 suit involving insurance claims on the destruction of the Baker River power house here, was decided in favor of the power company by a Seattle jury Monday evening. After hearing all the evidence presented by both sides during a session that has lasted since May 23rd, the jury found that the insurance claims should be paid in full for the loss.

The insurance companies who had shared the large account had contended that due to a clause in their policies specifying written notice of any dangerous condition on the property, the claims should not be paid. They held that the company failed to contact them during the time slides had come off the hillside before the big movement destroyed the power house completely on May 18 of 1965.

According to information received here the insurance firms could appeal the decision, but would be liable for \$1,000 a day additional payments due to interest and other costs if they should lose the appeal.