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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397  
2012 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING REPORT**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is submitted per the reporting requirements of Section 5.4.1 of the Columbia Generating Station Environmental Protection Plan (EPP; Appendix B to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21).

There were no EPP noncompliances in 2012 and there were no changes in station design or operation, tests, and experiments that involved an unreviewed environmental question. No non-routine, non-radiological reports (within the context of EPP Section 5.4.2) were required for 2012. A summary of the effluent data reported to the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council on the monthly discharge monitoring reports is attached.

There are no commitments being made to the NRC by this letter. Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this report, please call BC Barfuss at (509) 377-4541.

Respectfully,

DK Atkinson  
Vice President, Employee Development/Corporate Services

Attachment

cc: NRC Region IV Administrator  
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**COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION  
COOLING WATER BLOWDOWN DISCHARGES, 2012**

Month	Days of Discharge	pH		Total Residual Halogen (mg/L)	Maximum Total Copper (µg/L)	Discharge Volume (millions of gallons)	
		Low	High			Average <sup>(a)</sup>	Maximum <sup>(b)</sup>
Jan	31	7.8	8.5	≤0.1	12	1.6	2.1
Feb	29	8.1	8.4	≤0.1	10	1.6	2.0
Mar	31	8.0	8.5	≤0.1	9.9	1.6	2.0
Apr	30	7.9	8.4	≤0.1	12	1.5	2.3
May	31	7.9	8.4	≤0.1	14	2.1	5.1
Jun	26	7.9	8.3	≤0.1	13	1.3	5.1
Jul	31	7.9	8.3	≤0.1	16	1.4	2.5
Aug	31	7.8	8.2	≤0.1	21	1.6	2.5
Sep	30	8.0	8.3	≤0.1	14	1.6	2.8
Oct	31	7.9	8.4	≤0.1	15	1.6	4.8
Nov	30	7.9	8.3	≤0.1	12	1.5	2.7
Dec	31	7.9	8.3	≤0.1	13	1.6	2.1
Permit Limit		6.5	9.0	0.1	<sup>(c)</sup>	5.6	9.4

<sup>(a)</sup> Average daily discharge for the month

<sup>(b)</sup> Maximum daily discharge during the month

<sup>(c)</sup> Copper limits are: 70 µg/L monthly average, 108 µg/L daily max, Dec – Feb  
223 µg/L monthly average, 345 µg/L daily max, Mar – Nov