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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: **WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM PLAN, IWE, REQUEST TO USE
LATER ASME SECTION XI EDITION AND ADDENDA**

This request is submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(4)(iv) to use a portion of a later edition and addenda of ASME Section XI which the Commission has incorporated by reference into 10 CFR 50.55a(b).

Energy Northwest requests Commission approval to use Table IWE-2500-1 from ASME Section XI, 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda for Examination Category E-D, "Seals, Gaskets, and Moisture Barriers."

The Code of record for the WNP-2 IWE containment inspection program is ASME Section XI 1992 Edition, 1992 Addenda in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a, dated August 30, 1996. Subsequent to this, the Commission incorporated by reference the 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda of ASME Section XI into 10 CFR 50.55a (Federal Register, Volume 64, No. 183, September 22, 1999, starting page 51370).

The requirements of the two editions and addendas are identical for Examination Category E-D except for note 1. Note 1 in the 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda clarified the examination of Item Numbers E5.10 (seals) and E5.20 (gaskets) by adding, "Sealed or gasketed connections need not be disassembled solely for performance of examination."

Energy Northwest requests approval prior to March 1, 2001 to support the scheduled refuel outage in the Spring of 2001.

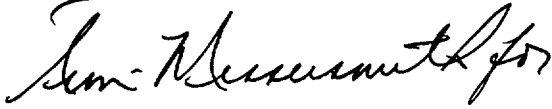
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Should you have any questions or desire additional information, please call Mr. PJ Inserra at (509) 377-4147.

Respectfully,

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