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751 College Court.
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Subj: Washington Public Power Supply
System (WPPSS Nuclear Project
No. 1) Docket No. 50-460-OL

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the October 14, 1983, Memorandum and Order in the captioned proceeding, the Washington Public Power Supply System, now conducting business as Energy Northwest, hereby submits this quarterly status report regarding the deferred WNP-1 project.

On January 4, 2000, the Supply System filed a Motion For Withdrawal Of Application ("Motion") requesting that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Licensing Board") issue an order, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.107(a), authorizing the withdrawal of the Operating License application at issue and terminating this proceeding. Subsequently, however, on February 29, 2000, the Supply System requested that the Licensing Board defer, and hold in abeyance, a decision on the Motion due to new developments and budgetary considerations. The Supply System asked that the Licensing Board retain this proceeding in the present deferred status, at least until plans for the site are better clarified.

There has been no change to the status of the WNP-1 project since the previous filings. The Supply System (Energy Northwest) is continuing its consideration of potential alternatives for the WNP-1 site and the need for NRC licenses and permits. The Supply System is also continuing discussions with the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council ("EFSEC") and other parties in interest regarding site remediation options.

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The Supply System continues to request that Licensing Board action on its pending termination Motion, and this proceeding, remain deferred. (The Supply System took no position on the Licensing Board's Order to Show Cause of March 30, 2000.) We will keep the Licensing Board apprised of further material developments.

Sincerely,


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