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Docket No. 50-397

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

**Subject: WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21,
NONCITED VIOLATION INVOLVING FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AN
UNREVIEWED SAFETY QUESTION, WNP-2 INSPECTION REPORT
NO. 50-397/00-10**

- References:**
1. Letter, dated June 27, 2000, LJ Smith (NRC), to JV Parrish (Energy Northwest), "WNP-2 Inspection Report No. 50-397/00-10"
 2. Letter, dated July 18, 2000, DW Coleman (Energy Northwest), to NRC, "Request for Additional Response Time Regarding WNP-2 Inspection Report No. 50-397/00-10"

The NRC recently notified WNP-2 of a noncited violation (NCV) involving the failure to identify an unreviewed safety question (USQ) through our 10 CFR 50.59 process (Reference 1). On July 18, 2000, Energy Northwest requested additional time to respond to the NCV (Reference 2).

We will not contest the NCV. We intend to seek NRC approval of an Operating License amendment for the change to the facility that involves accounting for the unisolable piping run between the Control Rod Drive and Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System pump rooms.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please call me or Mr. RN Sherman at (509) 377-8616.

Respectfully,



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