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

Gentlemen:

Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY
2001-17**

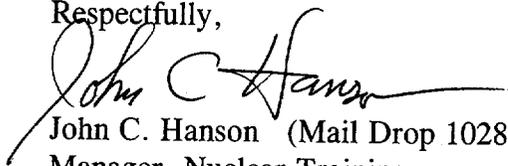
Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-17 "Preparation and Scheduling of
Operator Licensing Examinations" dated August 22, 2001

Please find attached the information requested by Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-17 as
referenced above. This information is provided on NRC Form 536. Specifically, the
following information is provided:

- The number of examinations that Energy Northwest intends to prepare and the
number of examinations we will request the NRC to prepare for calendar years
2002 through 2005.
- The number of initial license applicants to be tested and proposed and alternate
dates of examination for calendar years 2002 through 2005;
- The estimated number of applicants who plan to take the GFE in calendar years
2002 and 2003.

If you require additional information, please contact RE Guthrie, Manager, Operations
Training at (509) 377-8269.

Respectfully,


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Attachment

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**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records Management Branch (T-8 ES), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to 160nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Management and Regulatory Affairs, NEOS-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY Columbia Generating Station	NRC REGION RIV
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 02</u>	<u>CY 03</u>	<u>CY 04</u>	<u>CY 05</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	15	0	12	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 02</u>	<u>CY 03</u>	<u>CY 04</u>	<u>CY 05</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	0	4	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	6	0	4	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	0	4	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	10/02	N/A	9/04	N/A
ALTERNATE DATE	10/02	N/A	10/04	N/A

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 02</u>			<u>CY 03</u>		
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	0	0	8