

March 18, 2002
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Docket No. 50-397

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

Gentlemen:

Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21;
RESPONSE TO ORDER FOR INTERIM SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY
COMPENSATORY MEASURES**

- References: (1) Letter dated February 25, 2002, NRC to JV Parrish (Energy Northwest), "Issuance of Order for Interim Safeguards and Security Compensatory Measures for - Columbia Generating Station"
- (2) Enclosure 1 of Letter dated March 8, 2002, Ralph E. Beedle to Chief Nuclear Officers, "Implementation Guidance for Interim Safeguards & Security Compensatory Measures for the Order dated February 25, 2002"

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.4 and the security Order (reference 1), Energy Northwest herein submits its response to the required interim compensatory actions specified in the Order for Columbia Generating Station (Columbia). Energy Northwest acknowledges that these actions are interim and the Order is based upon the need to take prudent actions in response to the continuing generalized high-level threat environment that exists following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Energy Northwest also acknowledges that the requirements contained in the Order will remain in effect until notification from the Commission that a significant change in the threat environment has occurred, or until the Commission determines that changes are needed following a more comprehensive re-evaluation of current safeguards and security programs. The Columbia operating license has been modified to require compliance with the required interim compensatory measures contained in Attachment 2 of the referenced Order.

Attachment 1 of this letter contains "Safeguards Information" and contains Energy Northwest's itemized response to each of the compensatory measures in accordance with sections B.1.(2) and C.1 of the referenced Order.

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Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please call Ms. CL Perino at (509) 377-2075.

Respectfully,

Gregory OD Smith / For

JV Parrish
Chief Executive Officer
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Attachment

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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COUNTY OF BENTON)

Subject: Request for Amendment,
Technical Specification
Surveillance Interval Extension

I, GO Smith, being duly sworn, subscribe to and say that I am the Acting Chief Executive Officer for ENERGY NORTHWEST, the applicant herein; that I have the full authority to execute this oath; that I have reviewed the foregoing; and that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that the statements made in it are true.

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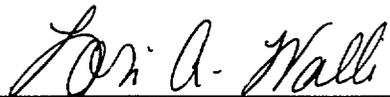


GO Smith
Chief Executive Officer - Acting

On this date personally appeared before me GO Smith, to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 18th day of March 2002





Notary Public in and for the
STATE OF WASHINGTON

Residing at Richland, WA

My Commission expires 3-29-05