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**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY ORDER**

Dear Mr. Parrish:

On March 25, 1998, the Commission issued a Confirmatory Order Modifying License for the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) Nuclear Project No. 2. The Order confirmed your commitment to complete implementation of Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barriers corrective actions. An typographical error was identified by your staff on the first page of the Order regarding the steady state reactor core power level. This should read 3486 megawatts thermal instead of 3485 megawatts thermal. Enclosed is a corrected page.

A correction notice has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICANUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM	)	Docket No. 50-397
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(Nuclear Project No. 2)	)	

## CONFIRMATORY ORDER MODIFYING LICENSE

## EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

## I.

Washington Public Power Supply System, WPPSS, (WPPSS or the Licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-21, which authorizes operation of Nuclear Project No. 2 (WNP-2) located in Richland, Washington, at steady state reactor core power levels not in excess of 3486 megawatts thermal (rated power).

## II.

The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been concerned that Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barrier systems installed by licensees may not provide the level of fire endurance intended and that licensees that use Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barriers may not be meeting regulatory requirements. During the 1992 to 1994 time frame, the NRC staff issued Generic Letter (GL) 92-08, "Thermo-Lag 330-1 Fire Barriers" and subsequent requests for additional information that requested licensees to submit plans and schedules for resolving the Thermo-Lag issue. The NRC staff has obtained and reviewed all licensees' corrective plans and schedules. The staff is concerned that some licensees may not be making adequate progress toward resolving the plant-specific issues, and that some implementation schedules may be either too tenuous or too protracted. For example, several licensees informed the NRC staff that their completion dates had slipped by 6 months to as much as 3 years. For plants that have