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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attn: Document Control Desk Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397 NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/02-05, NOTICE OF VIOLATION RESPONSE EXTENSION

Reference: Letter dated June 24, 2002, EW Merschoff (NRC) to JV Parrish (Energy Northwest), "Final Significance Determination for a White Finding and Notice of Violation"

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is a follow-up to Energy Northwest's verbal request for extension of response time to the subject Notice of Violation. The verbal request for extension was made via telephone communication between Bill Jones (NRC Region IV Branch Chief) and Christina Perino (Columbia, Licensing Manager) on July 23, 2002, to allow additional time to perform further analysis of events surrounding the violation. The request for extension was granted and Columbia's response accepting the violation will be sent on or before August 21, 2002.

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

Respectfully,

A.W. Coleman

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