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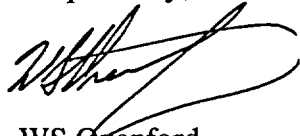
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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT
DECEMBER 2002**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is the Monthly Operating Report for the month of December 2002 as required by Technical Specification 5.6.4.

Respectfully,



WS Oxenford
Plant General Manager
Mail Drop 927M

Attachment

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OPERATING STATUS REPORT
for Columbia Generating Station

Date: January 1, 2003

1. Docket: 50-397
2. Reporting Period: December 2002
3. Utility Contact: **Patricia Campbell** (509) 377-4664
4. Design Electrical Rating (Net MW_e): 1153
5. Maximum Dependable Capacity - summer (Net MW_e): 1107

	MONTH	YEAR	CUMULATIVE
6. Hours Reactor Critical	744.0	8,544.8	119,695.5
7. Hours Generator On-Line	744.0	8,528.5	116,371.5
8. Unit Reserve Shutdown Hours	0.0	0.0	3,274.7
9. Net Electrical Energy (MWH)	837,172	8,981,294	115,252,779

10. Challenges to safety/relief valves: None

UNIT SHUTDOWNS

DOCKET NO.: 50-397
 UNIT NAME: Columbia Generating Station
 DATE: January 1, 2003
 COMPLETED BY: P. Campbell
 TELEPHONE: (509) 377-4664

REPORT PERIOD: December, 2002

No.	Date	Type F: Forced S: Scheduled	Duration (Hours)	Reason (1)	Method of Shutting Down(2)	Cause / Corrective Actions Comments
N/A						

SUMMARY: The plant began and ended the month at power operation.

(1) REASON

A - Equipment Failure
 B - Maintenance or Test
 C - Refueling
 D - Regulatory Restriction
 E - Operator Training &
 License Examination
 F - Administration
 G - Operational Error
 H - Other

(2) METHOD

1 - Manual
 2 - Manual Trip/Scram
 3 - Auto Trip/Scram
 4 - Continuation
 5 - Other (Explain)