

**PRIORITY ATTENTION REQUIRED MORNING REPORT - REGION IV MAY 6, 2003**

**Licensee/Facility:**

Energy Northwest  
Columbia Generating Station 2  
Richland, Washington  
Dockets: 50-397  
BWR/GE-5

**Notification:**

MR Number: **4-03-0001**  
Date: 05/06/03  
Resident Inspector

**Subject:** ENERGY NORTHWEST SECURITY OFFICER INFORMATIONAL PICKET

**Reportable Event Number:** N/A

**Discussion:**

On Tuesday, May 6, 2003, approximately 20 Energy Northwest (Columbia Generating Station or CGS) off-duty security officers established an informational picket approximately 10 miles from the site. The union contract for security officers expired on November 1, 2002; however, the licensee and the security officers continue to operate under the conditions of the contract until a new contract is approved. The security officers are state employees, in essential positions, and therefore are prohibited from striking. The negotiation process provides for mediation and arbitration, if necessary. Energy Northwest management and union officials are currently engaged in mediation. The informational picket has not impacted plant operations (CGS is currently shutdown for a refueling outage). The licensee had not been informed by the union as to how long the informational picket would last. As of 8:30 a.m. PDT there had not been any media interest.

**Regional Action:**

This Morning Report is for information only.

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