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**Subject: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397;  
SCHEDULE FOR ACHIEVING OPERABLE OSCILLATION POWER  
RANGE MONITORS AT COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION**

- References:
- 1) Letter BWROG-03047, dated September 30, 2003, K.S. Putnam, BWR Owners' Group, to NRC, "Resolution of Reportable Condition for Stability Reload Licensing Calculations Using Generic Regional Mode DIVOM Curve"
  - 2) Letter BWROG-03049, dated September 30, 2003, K.S. Putnam, BWR Owners' Group, to NRC, "Utility Commitment to NRC for OPRM Operability at Option III Plants"

Dear Sir or Madam:

As part of the BWR Owners' Group (BWROG) resolution of the 10 CFR § 21 reportable condition issued against the use of a generic regional mode DIVOM curve (Reference 1), the BWROG informed Energy Northwest in Reference 2 of the NRC staff's request for Option III licensee's schedules for restoring Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) operability.

In accordance with the recommendation of the BWROG, Energy Northwest plans to use a plant-specific regional mode DIVOM curve to develop OPRM setpoints and restore OPRM operability at Columbia Generating Station. The OPRM will be operable per plant technical specifications following completion of refueling outage R-17 (currently scheduled for June 2005).

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If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please contact Ms. CL Perino, Licensing Manager at (509) 377-2075.

Respectfully,



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