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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DENIAL OF LICENSEE IDENTIFIED NONCITED VIOLATION IN NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000397/2006002

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Thank you for your letter from Mr. W. S. Oxenford, Vice President, Technical Services, dated June 9, 2006, in response to our May 12, 2006, letter and integrated inspection report. In your letter you contested the characterization of a licensee identified noncited violation of very low safety significance (Green) concerning the application of WD-40 penetrating oil to the standby service water pumps. As documented in your letter dated June 9, 2006, Energy Northwest disagrees with the characterization of this issue as more than minor and therefore denies the characterization.

The NRC is reviewing your response letter and will inform you of the results of our review by separate correspondence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and your response (if any) will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

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