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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY
2006-15**

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2006-15, dated, August 14, 2006,
"Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

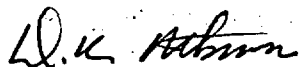
Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached the information requested by Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS)
2006-15 referenced above. The information is provided on NRC Form 536.
Specifically, the following information is provided:

- The number of examinations that Energy Northwest intends to prepare and the number of examinations we will request the NRC to prepare for calendar years 2007 through 2010.
- The number of initial license applicants to be tested and proposed and alternate dates of examination for calendar years 2007 through 2010.
- The estimated number of applicants who plan to take the GFE in calendar years 2007 and 2008.

If you require additional information, please contact MK Cantrell, Manager, Operations Training, at (509) 377-8622.

Respectfully,



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Attachment: NRC 536 form

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**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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FACILITY

Energy Northwest
Columbia Generating Station

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>07</u>	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS			1	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS			0	

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>07</u>	CY <u>08</u>	CY <u>09</u>	CY <u>10</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS			6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT			18	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		6	0	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED			0	
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		07/14/2008	01/26/2009	
ALTERNATE DATE		07/21/2008	02/02/2009	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>07</u>				CY <u>08</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			24					