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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
INFORMATION REGARDING FUTURE PLANS FOR MSIV TESTING AT
COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION**

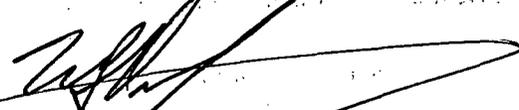
Reference: Letter dated January 22, 2007, AT Howell (NRC) to JV Parrish (Energy Northwest) "Response to Non-cited Violation in NRC Inspection Report 05000397/2003007"

Dear Sir or Madam:

The referenced letter requested Energy Northwest to advise the Staff of future plans for performing leak testing on Main Steam Isolation Valves (MSIVs) at Columbia Generating Station. Accordingly, it is Energy Northwest's intent to return to the previous methodology employed at Columbia Generating Station and use non-safety related air to close MSIVs in preparation for leak testing.

There are no new regulatory commitments being made. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Greg Cullen, Licensing Supervisor at (509) 377-6105.

Respectfully,



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