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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY
2009-11**

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2009-11, dated July 16, 2009,
"Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

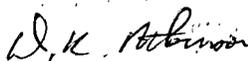
Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the information requested by Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS)
2009-11 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 2010 through 2013.
- The number of initial license applicants to be tested and proposed and alternate dates of examination for calendar years 2010 through 2013.
- The estimated number of applicants who plan to take the GFE in calendar years 2010 and 2011.

No new regulatory commitments are made in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact P. M. Taylor, Manager, Operations Training, at (509) 377-8274.

Respectfully,


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Vice President, Nuclear Generation & Chief Nuclear Officer

Enclosure: NRC Form 536

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**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

FACILITY Energy Northwest Columbia Generating Station	NRC REGION IV
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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2010</u>	<u>CY 2011</u>	<u>CY 2012</u>	<u>CY 2013</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2010</u>	<u>CY 2011</u>	<u>CY 2012</u>	<u>CY 2013</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		8	8	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		8	4	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		3	4	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		04/25/2011	11/12/2012	
ALTERNATE DATE		05/09/2011	12/03/2012	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2010</u>				<u>CY 2011</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES							16	