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RE: Renewal of the operating license for the Columbia Generating Station

Dear Mr. Lesar:

I strongly support the relicensing of the Columbia Generating Station.

The relicensing of CGS will play a crucial role in helping the region meet the growing demand for carbon-free power. According to the Bonneville Power Administration, replacing the power output of CGS with market purchases generated by fossil fuels would increase the carbon emissions of the Federal Columbia River Power System by about 3.7 million metric tons a year. CGS is also vital to a reliable and stable regional power system. The firm power from CGS complements variable hydroelectric and wind power.

In addition to providing the region with safe, cost-effective carbon-free power, CGS is a major source of economic stability in Washington's Tri-Cities. CGS employs a large work force, it provides significant tax revenues, and it lends support to local charitable organizations.

For these reasons, the relicensing of CGS has my strong support.

Sincerely,

Tim Sheldon

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