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Mr. Bo M. Pham Division of License Renewal Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C.

> Re: Columbia Generating Station License Log No.: 121007-20-NRC

Dear Mr. Pham;

Thank you for contacting our department. We have reviewed the materials you provided for the proposed Columbia Generating Station License Renewal at the Hanford Site, Benton County, Washington.

We concur with your proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) as described in the accompanying text and figures including the Transmission Lines Routing.

We would also appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.4.

Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised, including information regarding historic properties that have not yet been identified. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we look forward to receiving the requested materials and further consultation.

Sincerely,

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