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October 20, 2010

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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION – NRC MATERIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT 05000397/2010404

Dear Mr. Reddeman:

On September 16, 2010, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection of a security baseline inspection at your Columbia Generating Station. The inspection covered a key attribute of the Security Cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process, Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on September 16, 2010, with Mr. S. Oxenford, Vice President, Nuclear Generation, and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, no findings were identified.

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Sincerely,

/RA/ James Drake for

Gregory E. Werner, Chief Plant Support Branch 2 Division of Reactor Safety

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