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Dear Mr. Lesar,

As representatives of public power utilities throughout Washington State, we ardently support Columbia Generating Station's 20-year license renewal application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, dated January 19, 2010. We recognize it is in the best interest of our state and all Northwest region ratepayers for the NRC to carefully and fully review and approve this application, thereby continuing Columbia operations through 2043.

We can attest that Columbia Generating Station, which delivers at-cost electricity to the Bonneville Power Administration for transmission throughout Washington and other western states, is an exceptionally valuable regional power asset. Historically a very strong operation, Columbia emits zero greenhouse gases and provides safe and secure on-site storage of used fuel. The plant's outstanding environmental and safety record is matched by its strong long-term performance record.

As such, it is clearly evident to our public power community that Columbia's continued generation of large quantities of reliable, affordable, environmentally responsible power to Northwest ratepayers is key to meeting the region's current and future baseload electricity needs.

We are also thankful and appreciative to Energy Northwest employees whose commitment and dedication to public power has led to the safe operation of Columbia Generating Station for more than 25 years.

Respectfully,

*Judy Lidge*  
Asotin County PUD

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Benton PUD


*Henry S. Wilson*  
Centralia Light Department

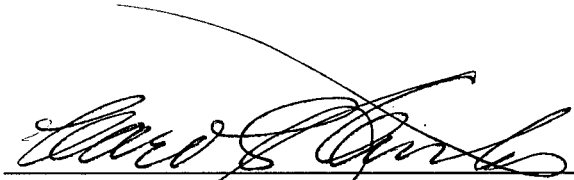
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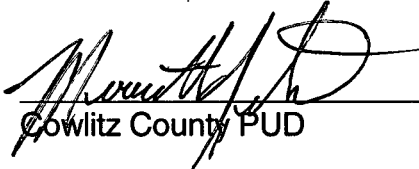
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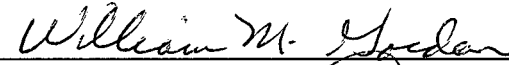
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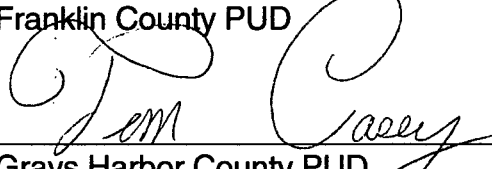
  
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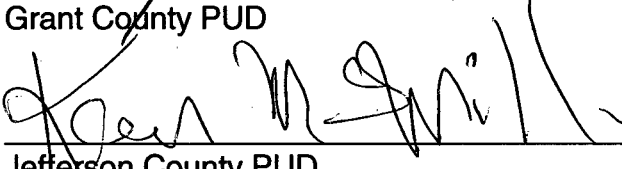
  
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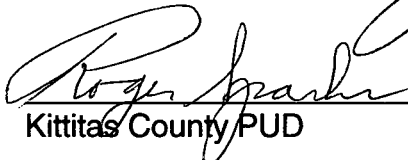
  
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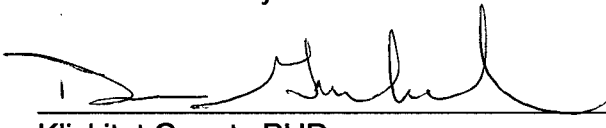
  
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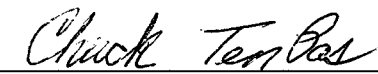
  
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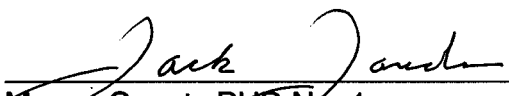
  
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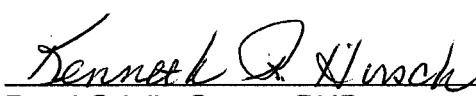
  
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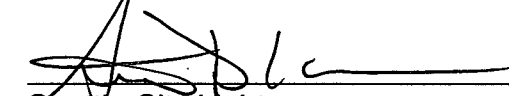
  
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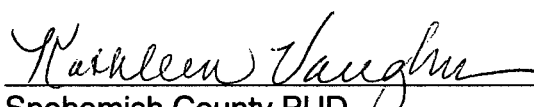
  
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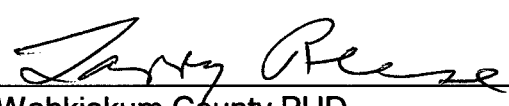
  
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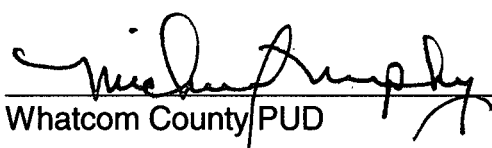
  
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