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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE REVISION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE COLUMBIA GENERATING
STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (TAC NOS. ME3058 AND
ME3121)

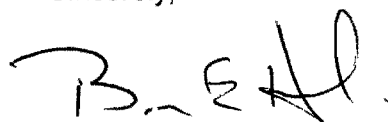
Dear Mr. Gambhir:

Enclosed is the NRC staff's revised safety and environmental review schedule for the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) license renewal application (LRA). This revised schedule was established to accommodate a timely review of your application along with all other concurrent reviews of applications for license renewal. In developing the revised schedule, NRC staff held a telephone conference with your staff on November 11, 2010 (ADAMS Accession Number ML103160226) and took several factors into consideration, including: delays in your responses to the NRC staff's requests for additional information (RAIs), additional/follow-on RAIs issued after the date included in the original schedule, and an extended outage schedule for CGS. The NRC staff will continue to follow established review procedures and the enclosed schedule to complete the reviews required by Parts 54 and 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

We would like to emphasize that the NRC staff will make every effort to meet the revised schedule milestones. To support this effort, your responses to the staff's RAIs must be complete and provided in a timely manner. The last set of environmental RAIs were dated December 2, 2010, and the last set of safety RAIs were dated December 27, 2010. The revised schedule is largely based on the assumption that Energy Northwest will respond to these RAIs no later than January 28, 2011. After receiving the RAI responses, the staff will review and incorporate the responses into its safety and environmental reviews. The timeliness of your responses is necessary to maintain the schedule, and any delay could result in additional revisions to the enclosed schedule with the potential of leaving milestone schedule dates TBD (to be determined) until responses are received and other factors can be appropriately considered into a new schedule. Any additional RAIs that the staff requires beyond the date of this letter will be considered open items for the safety review. We request that you inform the NRC staff as early as possible should potential delays arise in your support of this schedule.

If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Mr. Arthur Cunanan, Project Manager for the review of the CGS LRA, by telephone at 301-415-3897 or by e-mail at arthur.cunanan@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. E. H.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian E. Holian, Director
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Enclosure:
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COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION
 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
 UPDATED REVIEW SCHEDULE

Milestone	Scheduled	Actual
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	1/19/10	1/20/10
Publish Federal Register Notice (FRN) – LRA availability	1/26/10	2/2/10
Publish FRN – acceptance/rejection and opportunity for hearing	3/10/10	3/11/10
Publish FRN – Intent to conduct Environmental Scoping	3/10/10	3/11/10
Public Meeting – License Renewal Overview and Environmental Scoping Meeting	4/6/10	4/6/10
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	5/14/10	5/14/10
Environmental scoping period ends	5/14/10	5/14/10
Audit – Scoping & Screening Methodology	5/14/10	5/14/10
Audit – Aging Management Programs	5/28/10	5/28/10
Audit – Environmental	6/11/10	6/11/10
Issue environmental requests for additional information (RAIs)	7/2/10	12/2/10
Issue safety RAIs	8/2/10	11/30/10
Inspection – Regional	10/18-22 & 11/1-5/10	10/18-22 & 11/1-5/10
Receive responses for environmental RAIs	1/28/11	
Receive responses for safety RAIs	1/28/11	
Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)	Jun 2011	
Public Meeting – draft SEIS meeting	Jul 2011	
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open items	Aug 2011	
End of draft SEIS comment period	Sep 2011	
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee meeting	Oct 2011	
Issue final SEIS	Dec 2011	
Issue final SER	Feb 2012	
ACRS Full Committee meeting	Apr 2012	
Decision – Director, NRR	Jun 2012	

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