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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION- NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000397/2011004) AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Mr. Reddeman:

From July 18-29, 2011, reactor inspectors from NRC's Region IV office will perform the baseline inspection of changes, tests, experiments, and permanent plant modifications at Columbia Generating Station, using NRC Inspection Procedure 71111.17, "Evaluations of Changes, Tests, Experiments, and Permanent Plant Modifications."

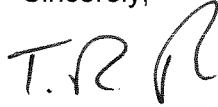
Experience has shown that this inspection is resource intensive both for the NRC inspectors and your staff. In order to minimize the impact to your onsite resources and to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for this inspection. Upon review of these documents, the inspectors will select additional documentation for review upon arrival. It is important that all of these documents are up to date and complete in order to minimize the number of additional documents requested during the preparation and/or the onsite portions of the inspection.

We have discussed the schedule for these inspection activities with your staff and understand that our regulatory contact for this inspection will be Rick Garcia of your licensing organization. If there are any questions about this inspection or the material requested, please contact the lead inspector Gerond George at 817-276-6562 or by email [Gerond.George@nrc.gov](mailto:Gerond.George@nrc.gov).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Farnholtz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas Farnholtz, Chief  
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Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications Document Request

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## Evaluations of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modification

Inspection Dates: July 18-29, 2011

Inspection Procedures: IP 71111.17 "Evaluation of Changes, Tests, or Experiments and Permanent Plant Modifications"

Inspectors: Gerond George, Senior Reactor Inspector, Lead Inspector  
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### Information Requested for the In-Office Preparation Week

The following information should be sent to the Region IV office in hard copy or electronic format (Certrec database preferred), in care of Gerond George, by July 11, 2011, to facilitate the selection of specific items that will be reviewed during the onsite inspection week. The inspectors will select specific items from the information requested below and then request from your staff additional documents needed during the onsite inspection weeks. We ask that the specific items requested be available and ready for review on the first day of inspection. Also, we request that you categorize the documents in your response with the numbered list below. Please provide requested documentation electronically if possible. If requested documents are large and only hard copy formats are available, please inform the inspector(s), and provide subject documentation during the first day of the onsite inspection. If you have any questions regarding this information request, please call the lead inspector as soon as possible.

1. A list with descriptions, of all 50.59 screenings (or equivalent) performed since December 15, 2008, which did not result in an evaluation. Note: Description of screenings should be brief, but of sufficient detail so that inspectors can determine the significance of the issue.
2. A list with descriptions, of all 10 CFR 50.59 evaluations performed which did not result in an application for license amendment to NRC from December 15, 2008, to the present. Note: Description of evaluations should be brief, but of sufficient detail so that inspectors can determine the significance of the issue.
3. Columbia Generating Station procedure(s) for conducting 10 CFR 50.59 screenings and evaluations.
4. A list with descriptions of all corrective action documents related to 50.59 activities, including screenings and evaluations from December 15, 2008, to the present.
5. A list with descriptions of all permanent plant modifications dating from December 15, 2008. Include sufficient detail to enable the inspector to determine the significance of each modification. For this inspection, permanent plant modifications include permanent plant changes, design changes, setpoint changes, procedure changes, equivalency evaluations, suitability analyses, calculations, and commercial grade dedications.

6. Columbia Generating Station procedures for implementing and controlling permanent plant modifications.
7. A list with descriptions of all corrective action documents related to your permanent plant modification program and its implementation since December 15, 2008. Include sufficient detail to enable the inspector to determine the significance of each modification.
8. A list with descriptions of all changes made to the Updated Safety Analysis Report since December 15, 2008.
9. A listing of personnel qualified to prepare 50.59 screenings and evaluations, including qualification dates.
10. A listing of personnel qualified to review and approve 50.59 screenings and/or evaluations, including qualification dates.

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