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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
60-DAY RESPONSE TO NRC BULLETIN 2011-01, MITIGATING
STRATEGIES**

References: 1) NRC letter dated May 11, 2011, NRC Bulletin 2011-01, "Mitigating Strategies".

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f), this letter provides the Energy Northwest 60-day response to NRC Bulletin 2011-01, "Mitigating Strategies," dated May 11, 2011. The bulletin was issued to confirm continued compliance with 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) and request information regarding the mitigation strategies program.

The NRC identified the following three objectives:

1. To require that addressees provide a comprehensive verification of their compliance with the regulatory requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Section 50.54(hh)(2),
2. To notify addressees about the NRC staff's need for information associated with licensee mitigating strategies under 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2) in light of the recent events at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi facility in order to determine if 1) additional assessment of program implementation is needed, 2) the current inspection program should be enhanced, or 3) further regulatory action is warranted, and
3. To require that addressees provide a written response to the NRC in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(f)

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NRC Bulletin 2011-01 requested that within 60 days, licensees submit information regarding mitigation strategies programs for 10 CFR 50.54(hh)(2). The attachment to this letter contains Security-Related information that should be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390. The pages have been marked accordingly with the notation "*Security-Related Information – Withhold From Public Disclosure Under 10 CFR 2.390.*"

The attachment includes information that addresses measures that are currently in place. There are no new commitments contained in this letter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact LL Williams, (Acting) Licensing Supervisor, at (509) 377-8148.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the date of this letter.

Respectfully,



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Vice President, Nuclear Generation & Chief Nuclear Officer

Attachment: 60-Day Response to NRC Bulletin 2011-01, Mitigating Strategies

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