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**Subject: Columbia Generating Station Draft Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Ms. Bladey:

As Chairman of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC), I want to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), for the renewal of the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) operating license. My understanding is that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking comments on the CGS GEIS as part of its environmental review in evaluating the impacts of extending the plant's operating license for an additional twenty years until 2043.

In a previous letter dated April 6, 2010 to your office I provided specific information concerning EFSEC regulatory oversight of CGS. EFSEC staff are currently conducting a review of the GEIS and I expect we will submit formal comments before the comment period closes on November 16, 2011.

EFSEC acknowledges that CGS is an integral part of the region's power system; a license extension will ensure that the power from CGS is available to future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

James O. Luce  
EFSEC Chair

cc. Mark Reddemann, Energy Northwest

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