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Dear Ms. Bladey,

It is with great honor to send this letter of support of Energy Northwest from the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce for their license renewal application for Columbia Generating Station with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Columbia Generating Station and Energy Northwest has been a vital part of the region's energy mix and has consistently provided vast amounts of clean and affordable power to homes and businesses across the Northwest.

Washington State and the Tri-Cities Region enjoy some of the lowest electrical utility rates in the United States because of the federal hydroelectric system and the Columbia Generating Station. Economic recovery will require continued support for these reliable, clean, and low-cost baseload power sources. Renewal of this operating license is vital to meeting the region's electricity needs. It will help ensure a reasonable cost of power for households and businesses to drive a strong economy.

Energy Northwest shows us their commitment to the region by their activities in the community and associations like ours. They are an integral part of our area and deserve license renewal so they can continue to offer us clean and affordable energy.

On behalf of the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors, we support your efforts to secure license renewal for the Columbia Generating Station with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sincerely,

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