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**Subject: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
ENERGY NORTHWEST'S 120 DAY RESPONSE TO THE MARCH 12,
2012 INFORMATION REQUEST RELATED TO RECOMMENDATION 2.3
FOR SEISMIC WALKDOWNS**

Reference: Letter dated March 12, 2012, from EJ Leeds (NRC) to All Power Reactor Licensees and Holders of Construction Permits in Active or Deferred Status, "Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3 and 9.3 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident"

Dear Sir or Madam:

On March 12, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued the referenced Information Request. Enclosure 3 of the letter contains specific Requested Actions, Requested Information and Required Responses associated with Recommendation 2.3 for seismic walkdowns. This letter provides Energy Northwest's response to these items for Columbia Generating Station. The requested information is provided in Attachment 1 to this letter. This letter contains no new regulatory commitments.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. ZK Dunham at (509) 377-4735.

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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Attachments: As stated

cc: NRC Region IV Administrator
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Attachment 1

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Recommendation 2.3: Seismic

For seismic recommendation 2.3 (walkdowns), Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 states that each licensee is to confirm that it intends to use the NRC-endorsed seismic walkdown procedure or provide a description of the process that will be used to conduct the walkdowns and to develop the needed information.

Energy Northwest confirms that it will use the seismic walkdown procedure, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) 1025286, "Seismic Walkdown Guidance For Resolution of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3: Seismic," endorsed by Reference 2 as the basis for conducting the walkdowns and developing the needed information at Columbia.

Energy Northwest plans to comply with the requested response date in Enclosure 3 of Reference 1. Specifically, Energy Northwest will submit a final report documenting the results of its seismic walkdowns at Columbia no later than November 27, 2012, which corresponds to 180 days after NRC endorsement of the generic guidance.

References:

1. NRC letter dated March 12, 2012, from Eric J Leeds (NRC) to All Power Reactor Licensees and Holders of Construction Permits in Active or Deferred Status, "Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3 and 9.3 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident"
2. NRC letter dated May 31, 2012, from David L Skeen (NRC) to Adrian P Heymer (NEI), "Endorsement of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Draft Report 1025286, 'Seismic Walkdown Guidance'"