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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2012-07**

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-07, dated June 8, 2012,
"Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the information requested by Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-07 referenced above. The information is provided on NRC Form 536. Specifically, the following information is provided.

- The number of examinations that Energy Northwest intends to prepare for calendar years 2014 through 2017.
- The number of initial license applicants to be tested and proposed and alternate dates of examination for calendar years 2014 through 2017.
- The estimated number of applicants who plan to take the Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE) in calendar years 2014 and 2015.

No new regulatory commitments are made in this letter. If you require additional information, please contact KP Smart, Manager, Operations Training, at (509) 377-8327.

Respectfully,

 For BJ SAWATZKE

BJ Sawatzke
Vice President, Nuclear Generation & Chief Nuclear Officer

Enclosure: NRC Form 356, Operator Licensing Examination Data

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**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1		1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>	CY <u>2015</u>	CY <u>2016</u>	CY <u>2017</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		6		6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		10		10
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		2		2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE		02/23/2015		02/13/2017
ALTERNATE DATE		03/02/2015		02/20/2017

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2014</u>				CY <u>2015</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES							18	