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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION - NRC SECURITY INSPECTION
REPORT 05000397/2012404

Dear Reddemann:

On January 31, 2013, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your Columbia Generating Station. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on, January 31, 2013, with Mr. Grover Hettel, Vice President, Operations, and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

Three NRC identified findings of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process) were identified during this inspection. The deficiencies were promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the area.

If you contest the violations or significance of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspectors at Columbia Generating Station.

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Three cross-cutting aspects were assigned to the findings in the area of Human Performance, Decision Making, Conservative Assumptions [H1.b], Work Practices, Human Error Prevention Techniques [H4.a] and Procedural Compliance [H4.b]. If you disagree with the cross-cutting aspect assignment in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; and the NRC Resident Inspector at Columbia Generating Station.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

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