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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY
2013-06**

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2013-06, dated June 7, 2013, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the information requested by Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2013-06 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 2015 through 2018.
- The number of initial license applicants to be tested, and proposed and alternate dates of examination for calendar years 2015 through 2018.
- The estimated number of applicants who plan to take the Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE) in calendar years 2015 and 2016.

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
WG Hettel
Vice President, Operations

Enclosure: NRC Form 356, Operator Licensing Examination Data

cc: w/o enclosure
NRC Region IV Administrator
NRC NRR Project Manager

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**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1		1	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	4		6	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	15		10	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	2		2	
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	04/27/2015		04/24/2017	
ALTERNATE DATE	04/20/2015		04/17/2017	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2015				CY 2016			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES				18				