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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION RELATED TO LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO
CHANGE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION TABLE 3.3.1.1-1 FUNCTION 7,
"SCRAM DISCHARGE VOLUME WATER LEVEL – HIGH" (TAC NO. MF3673)

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

By application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated March 24, 2014, as supplemented by letters dated May 8 and August 28, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML14098A400, ML14141A538, and ML14254A177, respectively), Energy Northwest, the licensee, submitted a license amendment request to revise Columbia Generating Station (CGS) Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.3.1.1-1, Function 7, "Scram Discharge Volume Water Level-High."

In its letter dated July 31, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14206A011), the NRC staff requested clarification of why the licensee used a frequency of 24 months to calculate instrument drift, since this is not the surveillance frequency defined in the CGS TSs. In the licensee's response dated August 28, 2014, the licensee discussed that it recognized that using 24 months becomes non-conservative for establishing the instrument drift. The licensee stated that it is recalculating the as-found tolerance (AFT) using the drift associated with 18 months; however, the recalculated value for AFT was not provided in the response. The NRC staff has determined the recalculated value of the AFT is needed to complete its technical evaluation of the licensee's application. Please provide the recalculated value of the AFT for function 7b in TS Table 3.3.1.1-1 within 30 days of the date of this letter.

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If circumstances result in the need to revise the requested response date, please contact me at (301) 415-2296 or by e-mail at fred.lyon@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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