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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, NRC SECURITY INSPECTION
REPORT 05000397/2015403

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

On December 17, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection at the Columbia Generating Station. The NRC inspector discussed the results of this inspection with Mr. W. Hettel, Vice President, Operations, and other members of your staff. The inspector documented the results of this inspection in the enclosed inspection report.

No NRC-identified or self-revealing findings were identified during this inspection.

However, the inspector documented a licensee-identified violation which was determined to be of very low security significance in this report. The NRC is treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy.

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

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding," of the NRC's "Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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Sincerely,

/RA/ David A. Holman for

Mark S. Haire, Chief
Plant Support Branch 1
Division of Reactor Safety

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