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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397  
VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY  
2016-09**

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2016-09, dated June 16, 2016, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the information requested by Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2016-09 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 2018 through 2021.
- The number of initial license applicants to be tested, and proposed primary and alternate dates of examinations for calendar years 2018 through 2021.
- The estimated number of applicants who plan to take the Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE) in calendar years 2017 and 2018.

No new regulatory commitments are made in this letter. If you require additional information, please contact RJ Meyers, Manager, Operations Training, at (509) 377-8678.

Respectfully,

  
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Vice President, Operations

*Acting for*

Enclosure: NRC Form 536, Operator Licensing Examination Data

cc: w/o enclosure  
NRC Region IV Administrator  
NRC NRR Project Manager  
NRC Sr. Resident Inspector – 988C



**OPERATOR LICENSING  
EXAMINATION DATA**

Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the FOIA, Privacy, and Information Collections Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC20555-0001, or by e-mail to Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

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**A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2018</u>	CY <u>2019</u>	CY <u>2020</u>	CY <u>2021</u>
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS		1		1
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS				

**B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2018</u>	CY <u>2019</u>	CY <u>2020</u>	CY <u>2021</u>
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		6		6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		6		6
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		2		2
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED				
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>				
PRIMARY DATE		02/25/2019		02/22/2021
ALTERNATE DATE		03/03/2019		03/01/2021

**C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE**

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY <u>2017</u>		CY <u>2018</u>	
	MARCH	SEPTEMBER	MARCH	SEPTEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		12		