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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397 RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO RELIEF REQUEST 4ISI-06 REGARDING CODE CASE N-666-1**

References:
1. Letter GO2-16-027 from A. L. Javorik (Energy Northwest) to NRC: "Fourth Ten-Year Interval Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program Relief Request 4ISI-06," dated February 17, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16053A183)
2. E-mail from NRC to L. L. Williams (Energy Northwest), "Request for Additional Information, Columbia N-666-1, Relief Request 4ISI-06, Use of Code Case N-666-1 on Socket Welded Connections CAC MF7368," dated August 23, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam:

By Reference 1, Energy Northwest submitted Relief Request 4ISI-06.

In Reference 2, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested additional information related to Energy Northwest's submittal. The attachment to this letter provides the requested information.

No new commitments are being made by this letter or the attachment. If you should have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. R. M Garcia, Licensing Supervisor, at 509-377- 8463.

Executed this 20th day of September, 2016.

Respectfully,

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Attachment: As stated.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In response to the August 23, 2016, letter transmitted by e-mail, Energy Northwest submits the following response.

NRC Request 1:

To complete its review NRC staff requests the following additional information.

> The NRC requests that the licensee verify that the code of construction for all components that the proposed alternative may be applied to require a surface examination (magnetic particle or liquid penetrant) of socket welds in Class 1 and 2, nominal pipe size 2 and smaller piping. If this is not the case, the NRC requests that the applicant modify its alternative to require a surface examination of all completed ASME [American Society of Mechanical Engineers] Code Class 1 and 2 socket weld overlays performed in accordance with the proposed alternative and provide the applicable acceptance criteria.

Energy Northwest Response to RAI 1:

> Energy Northwest has reviewed that the code of construction, ASME Section III, 1971 Edition through Winter 1973 Addenda (Class 1and 2) and ASME Section III, 1974 Edition through Winter 1975 Addenda (Class 1 and 2) and verified that a surface examination (magnetic particle or liquid penetrant) of socket welds in Class 1 and 2 nominal pipe size 2 and smaller piping at Columbia Generating Station is required. Therefore, no modification to Relief Request 4ISI-06 is required.