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Mr. D. L. Renberger

Assistant Director, Technology System Washington Public Power Supply System P. 0. Box 968

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Dear Mr. Renberger:

The NRC staff has reviewed your request to discontinue preoperational aquatic monitoring at the WPPSS 1, 2, and 4 sites. We understand that the preoperational monitoring program is being curtailed because it is completed with more than two years of data for all elements of the program having been collected in accordance with commitments in the Environmental Reports for both WNP-2 and WNP-1/4. Based on our review of the data contained in the progress reports, the availability of a large body of historical data on the Columbia River in the vicinity of the stations, and discussions with representatives from the utility and the State of Washington, we conclude that curtailment of the aquatic portion of the preoper-

In the course of our review we determined that the State site certification and NPDES contain requirements for a preoperational monitoring program identical to those required in our FES. Therefore, our deletion of these requirements will not preempt or adversely impact the monitoring requirements of the State of Washington. However, we understand that you are concurrently requesting. that the State suspend its requirements as well.

We would like to request that in the future, copies of all WPPSS submittals to the State welating to water use and quality regulations be sent to the NRC. This should include copies of NPDES applications, revisions, and renewal requests as well as other reports required under the NPDES permit. Thank you for your attention to this matter, was now and the second to the second

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B. J. Youngblood, Chief Licensing Branch No. 1 Division of Licensing

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In the course of our review we determined that the State site certification and NPDES contain requirements for a preoperational monitoring program identical to those required in our FES. Therefore, our deletion of these requirements will not preempt or adversely impact the monitoring requirements of the State of Washington. However, we understand that you are concurrently requesting that the State suspend its requirements as well.

We would also like to request that in the future, copies of all MPPSS submittals to the State relating to water use and quality regulations be sent to the NRC. This should include copies of NPDES applications, revisions, and renewal requests as well as other reports required under the NPDES permit. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Renberger:

The NRC staff has reviewed your request to discontinue preoperational aquatic monitoring at the WPPSS 1, 2, and 4 sites. Our review included discussions with the responsible State agency. We determined that the State site certification contains requirements for a preoperational monitoring program identical to those required in our FES. Therefore, deletion of our requirements will not adversely impact the monitoring requirements of the State of Washington. However, we understand that you are requesting the State to suspend its requirements, as well.

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