UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ENERGY NORTHWEST DOCKET NO. 50-397 NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Energy Northwest (the licensee), formerly known as the Washington Public Power Supply System, to withdraw its October 15, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 for WNP-2, located in Benton County, Washington.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility technical specifications pertaining to secondary containment drawdown time and secondary containment bypass leakage.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on September 23, 1998 (63 FR 50942). However, by letter dated July 16, 1999, the licensee withdrew the proposed change and stated that they planned to revise and resubmit the amendment request by November 12, 1999.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 15, 1999, as supplemented by letters dated December 4, 1997, April 12, 1999, and June 10, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated July 16, 1999, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington,

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DC, and at the local public document room located at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Street, Richland, Washington 99352.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of August 1999.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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