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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket Nos: 50-460 and 50-513

> Mr. G. D. Bouchey Director, Nuclear Safety Washington Public Power Supply System P.O. Box 968 3000 George Washington Way Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Bouchey:

SUBJECT:

DIESEL ENGINE COMBUSTION AIR INTAKE, WPPSS NUCLEAR

PROJECTS 1 AND 4

REFERENCE: 1. Letter from G. D. Bouchey (WPPSS) to B. J. Youngblood

(NRC) dated February 13, 1981.

The referenced memo solicited NRC agreement with use of a common combustion air intake structure for each set of emergency diesel generators associated with the WPPSS Nuclear Projects 1 and 4. The Supply System made a determination that this arrangement will meet the intent of Item 6, Section II, Part 9.5.8 of the Standard Review Plan (SRP) and requested NRC agreement with this conclusion.

The staff has reviewed the subject combustion air supply arrangement and agrees that the design of the diesel generator combustion air supply arrangement provided meets the applicable acceptance criteria in Section II of SRP 9.5.8.

The NRC notes that formal agreement with this item (as well as other aspects of the plant design) is not required at this point in time and considers the subject request to be an avoidable expenditure of staff manpower. The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has placed first priority on review of near term operating license and construction permit applications and has appropriated manpower accordingly. Future requests for special reviews will be evaluated relative to their impact on near term operating licenses and will be honored only when a substantial need can be demonstrated by WPPSS.

Sincerely.

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