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Mr. W. G. Council, Managing Director
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Dear Mr. Council:

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON NUCLEAR PROJECT UNIT 1 AND UNIT 3 REQUEST FOR AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS CODE CASE N-520 APPROVAL

By letter dated October 20, 1993, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3), Washington Public Power Supply System (the Supply System) requested authorization to use American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Case N-520, "Alternative Rules for Renewal of N-Type Certificates for Plants Not in Active Construction" at the Washington Nuclear Project Unit 1 and Unit 3.

ASME Code Case N-520 provides alternative requirements that may be used for the renewal of N-type Certificates of Authorization held by the Owner/Designee/Certificate Holder of a nuclear power plant where fabrication and installation activities at the Owner's site have been temporarily interrupted.

ASME Code Case N-520 has been reviewed and found acceptable by the NRC Staff, although it has not yet been endorsed in Regulatory Guide 1.84.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i), the alternative requirements delineated in the ASME Code Case N-520 provide an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, within the limitations stated in its "Inquiry" and "Reply" sections, use of ASME Code Case N-520 at Washington Nuclear Project Units 1 and 3 is acceptable.

Sincerely,

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