March 11, 1983

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Mr. Robert V. Myers Vice President, Generation Resources Puget Sound Power and Light Company Puget Power Building Bellevue, Washington 98009

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