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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555



Subject: In the Matter of: Puget Sound Power & Light Co.,
et al. (Skagit Project, Units 1 and 2), Docket
Nos. 50-522, 50-523.

Dear Mr. Chilk:

Concerning the matter of cross-examination of consultants to the ACRS at licensing proceedings, we have reviewed the position set forth by Mr. Bender, Chairman of the ACRS attached to your request for comment.

The State of Washington supports the position taken by the ACRS. We concur that the independent and collegial nature of the ACRS role in NRC proceedings should be preserved.

Since the recommendations by ACRS consultants are based on information already available to the licensing board there would appear to be no overruling reason to place the independence of the ACRS in jeopardy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the matter.

Sincerely,

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