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Dear Mr. Chilk:

Subject: NRC PROPOSED RULE: REVISION OF BACKFITTING PROCESS FOR POWER REACTORS

The subject proposed rule (52FR34224, September 10, 1987) has been reviewed by the Washington Public Power Supply System. As the licensee for an operating nuclear power plant, and the holder of two construction permits for deferred plants, the Supply System is very interested in the subject proposed rule.

The Supply System favors the proposed revision of the backfitting process rule, and is of the opinion that it adequately responds to the concerns expressed by the U.S. Court of Appeals. We have participated in the development of the Backfit Rule (10CFR 50.109) through the Nuclear Utility Backfit and Reform Group (NUBARG) and support the detailed comments submitted by NUBARG.

Very truly yours,

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