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January 18, 2023

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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION – SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION  
REPORT 05000397/2022406

Dear Robert Schuetz:

On December 15, 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at Columbia Generating Station and discussed the results of this inspection with Mr. Jeremy Hauger, Vice President of Engineering and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

One finding of very low security significance (Green) is documented in this report. This finding involved a violation of NRC requirements. We are treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the violation or the significance or severity of the violation documented in this inspection report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; and the NRC Resident Inspector at Columbia Generating Station.

This letter will be made available for public inspection and copying at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> and at the NRC Public Document Room in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding."

The enclosed report contains Security-Related Information, so the enclosed report will not be made publicly available in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390(d)(1). If you choose to provide a response that contains Security-Related Information, please mark your entire response "Security-Related Information–Withhold from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390" in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1) and follow the

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instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1). The NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii).

Sincerely,



Signed by Kellar, Ray  
on 01/18/23

Ray L. Kellar, P.E., Chief  
Physical Security Branch  
Division of Radiological Safety & Security

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