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Docket No. 50-460

Dr. WD Travers  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Dr. Travers:

Subject: **ENERGY NORTHWEST NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 1 (WNP-1)  
TERMINATION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT CPPR-134**

- References:
- 1) Letter GO2-94-122 dated May 20, 1994, WG Council (Supply System) to JM Taylor (NRC), "Termination of Washington Public Power Supply System Nuclear Projects Nos. 1 and 3"
  - 2) Letter GO1-95-004 dated February 3, 1995, WG Council (Supply System) to JM Taylor (NRC), "Termination of Washington Public Power Supply System Nuclear Projects Nos. 1 and 3"
  - 3) Letter GO1-95-0017/GO3-95-0071 dated March 28, 1995, WG Council (Supply System) to NRC Document Control Desk, "Nuclear Projects 1 and 3 Site Restoration Plan"

In 1982 the Washington Public Power Supply System (Supply System), now conducting business as Energy Northwest, deferred the construction of the partially completed WNP-1 Project. The project was held in deferred status until May 13, 1994, when it was formally terminated by the Supply System's Board of Directors (Reference 1). At the time of termination, the Supply System decided to maintain the Construction Permit and to continue the deferred status of the Operating License application in order to maximize the value of the project and equipment for an interim period prior to any site restoration (References 1 and 2).

Energy Northwest has now determined that the NRC permits and licenses are no longer necessary for this project. Accordingly, Energy Northwest requests the termination of Construction Permit CPPR-134 and withdrawal of the pending Operating License application for WNP-1. A separate motion will be filed with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to terminate the pending Operating License proceeding.

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Due to the early deferral and subsequent termination of construction, there is no nuclear fuel at the site and the plant is not capable of being operated as a "utilization facility." Requirements to restore the site are being imposed by the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) and separately by the U.S. Department of Energy in accordance with the terms of the site land lease.

An initial plan for restoration of the site was submitted to the State (EFSEC) in March 1995 (transmitted to the NRC by Reference 3). The plan proposed removal of the assets and restoration of the facilities such that the site would pose minimal hazard to the public. A revised plan was submitted in June 1999. This recent submittal proposed a more cost-effective plan for the safe closure of the buildings and acknowledged a new option for ownership and economic development of the site by others.

A decision by the NRC to terminate the WNP-1 Construction Permit is supported by the absence of unresolved (substantial) issues, the inability of the unit to be operated as a utilization facility, stable environmental conditions, and continuing oversight by other agencies. Accordingly, Energy Northwest believes the proposed termination of the facility construction permit is a simple administrative action that is not associated with a significant environmental impact.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. DW Coleman at (509) 377-4342.

Respectfully,



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