



Washington State Legislature

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J.V. Parrish
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Dear Mr. Parrish:

Thank you for your Dec. 18, 2010, letter regarding Columbia Generating Station's license renewal application.

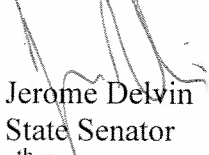
We are pleased you have decided to extend operations of Columbia Generating Station beyond its 40-year original operating license. As the sole nuclear power capability in the Pacific Northwest, Columbia Generating Station's baseload operations help guarantee a vast supply of clean and low-cost electricity to Washington's communities and industries, and provide security to the region's electric power system.


Nuclear power is one of very few energy resources that can produce large amounts of electrical capacity, on demand, without harming the environment. Along with hydro, wind, solar and other forms of clean energy sources, Washington needs the continued availability of Columbia Generating Station's electric power capacity to ensure a reliable and cost-effective baseline upon which to diversify the state's power generation mix. Approval of Columbia Generating Station's license renewal application will be a significant step towards helping secure our economic, environmental and security interests.

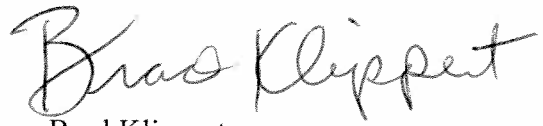
Moreover, we pride ourselves in tackling issues that concern our economy, and extending the life of Columbia is important to Washington's economy. In addition to payments of millions each year in valuable tax revenues to the state and municipal governments, Columbia is one of the largest employers in the Tri-Cities, providing full time employment to more than 1,100 workers who, in turn, significantly invest in our state and local communities.

It is a pleasure to extend our support for Columbia Generating Station's license renewal and we urge a bipartisan endorsement for this initiative. We wish you all the best as you move forward in the process. If we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Jerome Delvin
State Senator
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Larry Haler
State Representative
8th Legislative District


Brad Klippert
State Representative
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