



February 2, 2010

Mr. J. V. Parrish  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr. Parrish,

I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to work with Energy Northwest on the license renewal project.

AREVA and Energy Northwest have a long history of serving the citizens of the State of Washington by providing employment opportunities; contributing to the tax base; being stewards of the community; and as advocates and suppliers of low cost, carbon emission-free power. Columbia Generating Station is a vital resource for the state; and the clean, affordable power you produce is an integral part of the base-load power infrastructure of the northwest.

At AREVA, we take great pride in the part we have played in supporting Columbia through the years; and, in particular, in our recent participation the submittal of Columbia's license renewal application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. License renewal for Columbia is vital to meeting the future electricity demands and sustaining the economic growth of the region. As such, there is no better way for AREVA to express our commitment to the local community and the state than by working with you to ensure the safe operation of Columbia through 2043.

Be assured that AREVA will support the entire license renewal process. We look forward to maintaining our strong relationship and working together for the future of clean and affordable power for the region in the decades ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MW Rencheck'.

Michael W. Rencheck  
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