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Chief, Rules, Announcements and Directive Branch  
Division of Administrative Services  
Office of Administration  
Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms Bladey;

On behalf of Benton PUD's 47,000 customers, we support the renewal of the Columbia Generating Station's 20-year license with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Columbia Generating Station has been supplying affordable, safe, reliable and environmentally responsible power to Benton PUD customers and other utilities across the Northwest for over 25 years. Renewal of Columbia's operating license is key to meeting the region's current and future electricity needs.

Columbia Generating Station is valuable power asset to our region. We urge the renewal of the license so that Energy Northwest can continue to operate this facility that is critical power needs and our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Sanders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James W. Sanders  
General Manager