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Energy Northwest
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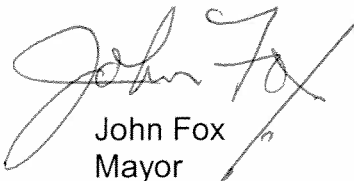
RE: Columbia Generating Station License Renewal

Dear Mr. Parrish,

It is with pleasure, that the Richland City Council endorses the relicensing of Columbia Generating Station (CGS). This facility continues to be a tremendously valuable part of the City of Richland, the Tri-Cities, and the region. Relicensing promises to capture the extended benefits from the region's investment in this facility. Columbia Generating Station provides a significant source of economic strength to the local area through direct and indirect employment, and is it also an important element of the high technology sector of our community. Equally important during this time of power resource evaluation and acquisition, CGS will occupy a significant position in the region's resource stack while having a benign impact on the environment.

As a member of Energy Northwest, the City of Richland supported the commitment to relicensing as a prerequisite to the extension of Energy Northwest's long-term indebtedness. We are pleased to see this commitment being fulfilled. We are confident CGS will continue to be the safe, reliable, and economical source of power we have relied upon for so many years.

Sincerely,



John Fox
Mayor

cc: City Council
Cindy Johnson, City Manager
Ray Sieler, Energy Services Director