



CITY OF WEST RICHLAND

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February 1, 2010

Mr. J. V. Parrish, Chief Executive Officer
Energy Northwest
P.O. Box 968, Mail Drop 1023
Richland, WA 99352-0968

Dear Mr. Parrish:

The Mayor and members of the West Richland City Council wish to take this opportunity to express our strong support for Energy Northwest's submission of Columbia Generating Station's license renewal application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. We believe it is absolutely essential that Columbia Generating Station continue its successful mission as a provider of safe, clean, and low-cost power for our community and the surrounding area.

At the same time, Energy Northwest and Columbia Generating Station have given West Richland much more than just electricity. The organization offers full-time employment for a large number of our residents while also providing significant tax revenues to our local and state government. In addition, it's common to see Energy Northwest employees participating in community events, volunteering at fundraisers, and supporting charitable organizations throughout the Tri-Cities Area. These employees understand the important bond between business and community, and they have taken it upon themselves to show their appreciation for our support of Columbia Generating Station and its mission.

Over the course of the past twenty-five years, West Richlanders have awakened many mornings to see the familiar steam rising from Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station. It is a sight we associate with prosperity and cutting edge technology which helps to demonstrate the many benefits that commercial nuclear power provides to our community and to our state.

Therefore, by Resolution 4-10, the Mayor and West Richland City Council submit this letter of support to Energy Northwest in the effort to renew the operating license for Columbia Generating Station through the year 2043.

Sincerely,

Donna Noski
Mayor

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enclosure: Res.4-10

**WEST RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 4-10**

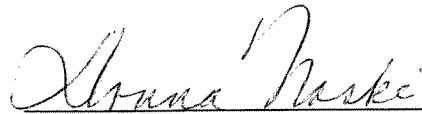
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND,
WASHINGTON, IN SUPPORT OF ENERGY NORTHWEST'S
SUBMISSION OF COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION'S LICENSE
RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, it is essential that Columbia Generating Station continue its successful mission as a provider of safe, clean, and low-cost power for our community and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Energy Northwest offers full-time employment for a large number of West Richland residents while also providing significant tax revenues to our local and state government;

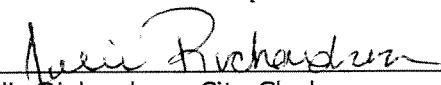
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of West Richland, Washington, strongly supports Energy Northwest in their effort to renew the operating license for Columbia Generating Station through the year 2043.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of West Richland, Washington this 1st day of February, 2010.



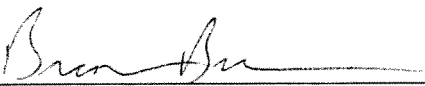
Donna Noski, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Richardson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bronson Brown, City Attorney