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Mailstop TWB 05-BO1M
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-001

***Subject: Support for License Renewal of the Columbia Generating Station
Operated by Energy Northwest***

Dear Mr. Lesar:

Inland Power and Light Company, a cooperatively owned utility serving 38,000 members in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, supports Energy Northwest's request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to renew the operating license of the Columbia Generating Station for an additional 20 years.

For over 25 years, Columbia Generating Station has been a source of safe, reliable, clean, low cost and non carbon emitting electricity generation for the consumers of the Pacific Northwest. As a source of base load power, Columbia Generating Station is able to compliment the other electricity resources of the region including hydropower, wind and solar generation.

Relicensing and continued operation of Columbia Generating Station through 2043 would capture and extend the benefits of the region's investment in this important facility. It is our understanding that Energy Northwest has completed a review of plant systems and equipment and no technical issues were identified that would prevent Columbia Generating station from obtaining consideration for a license renewal. We trust your review will find that Columbia Generating Station can continue to operate safely in the 20 year renewal period.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Caird", written in a cursive style.

Michelle Caird
Board of Trustees President
Inland Power and Light Company