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J. V. Parrish  
Energy Northwest  
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Dear Mr. Parrish:

It is our understanding that Energy Northwest is in the process of submitting a renewal application for the Columbia Generating Station to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Columbia has been a vital part of the region's energy mix and has consistently provided vast quantities of clean and affordable power to Northwest ratepayers in direct support of growing regional energy demands.

Washington currently enjoys some of the lowest electrical rates in the United States driven largely by the federal hydroelectric system and our nuclear energy facility. Sustained strong economic recovery will require continued support of these reliable and low-cost baseload power sources.

Kadlec Health System expresses support for this license renewal and acknowledges the tremendous benefit to help ensure a reasonable cost of power for households and businesses and help drive a strong community.

Sincerely,



Rand J. Wortman, FACHE  
President/CEO  
Kadlec Health System