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Mr. J. V. Parrish
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Parrish:

We are pleased to support your relicensing application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and would ask you to use this letter in support of the process. As one of the three largest employers in Kennewick, Washington, we tend to use a large amount of electric energy and have come to depend on the regional power provided by Energy Northwest.

We are a publicly funded healthcare resource for the area. For us to continue to support the healthcare needs of the area, we depend on affordable, reliable energy. We believe that Energy Northwest is a vital partner to us, and appreciate the reliable power the Columbia Generating Station has provided us. We are confident that renewal of the operating license will continue to bring value to all of us in this region.

We urge the NRC to decide favorably for Energy Northwest's license renewal application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Chuck Barnes', written in black ink.

Chuck Barnes,
Executive Director Support Services