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RE: Support for the Relicense of Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station

Members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

The relicense of Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station will soon be before your commission. I would encourage you to approve the relicense of this energy producer in Washington state. Energy use and production is an ongoing concern for our state. We're not only growing in population, but we also have a diverse and rich environment that we're working hard to protect against the impacts of fossil fuel consumption.

As chair of the House Technology, Energy and Communication Committee, I believe Washington needs to keep energy alternatives strong, while pursuing new and even cleaner sources of energy for the next generation. My legislative agenda focuses on this goal, and continuing the partnership with Energy Northwest will add value to the state and region's energy priorities.

A clean and beautiful environment continues to be Washington's number one asset, and protection of that is a top priority for our citizens. We have a duty to make sure that the parks and streams we use today are also available to the generations well into the future. As with nuclear energy partners across the country, I look forward to working with Energy Northwest on alleviating the impacts of nuclear storage to our state.

Issues around energy will be increasingly more complex in the coming years, and your approval of Energy Northwest's relicense will keep an important partner at the table as we work towards solutions.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McCoy", written over a large, faint circular watermark.

John McCoy  
State Representative, 38<sup>th</sup> Legislative District