



Energy Northwest  
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Subject: **LETTER IN SUPPORT OF COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION  
LICENSING RENEWAL**

Dear Mr. Parrish:

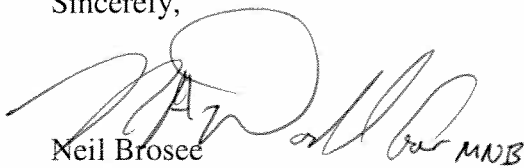
The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge our support for the renewal of the Columbia Generating Station operating license.

Given the country's growing demand for electricity, the United States will need new sources of alternative power generation in addition to maintaining its current electrical sources. It is estimated that by 2030, the U.S. will need the generating capacity of nearly 260,000 megawatts or the equivalent of 260 new large power plants to meet the demand.

Washington state has enjoyed some of the lowest electrical utility rates in the country due to the Columbia nuclear energy facility and the federal hydroelectric system. As the Northwest region continues to grow and the need for electricity increases, it makes economical and environmental sense to maintain existing nuclear energy operating facilities.

Washington Closure Hanford is in full support of the NRC renewing the Columbia Generating Station operating license.

Sincerely,

  
Neil Brosee  
President and Project Manager

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