



Washington State Senate

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Rulemaking and Directives Branch
Office of Administration
Mailstop TWB 05-BO1M
U. S. Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555-0001**

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF THE
COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION OPERATED
BY ENERGY NORTHWEST**

Dear Mr. Lesar,

We are pleased to support Energy Northwest's request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to renew the operating license of the Columbia Generating Station, Washington State's only commercial nuclear generating project.

Columbia has been a valuable energy resource in the region for more than 25 years. It provides reliable, clean, safe and low cost electricity to the region's ratepayers. In addition to the Columbia Generating Station, the state of Washington is fortunate to have a mix of other energy resources such as hydropower, wind and solar. However, the continued operation of Columbia will ensure we can meet our region's growing energy demands while helping the State of Washington in its economic recovery.

The ongoing operation of this generating resource is vital to the citizens of the region and will guarantee that a reliable, low cost and diversified source of power is available to provide a baseload source of power for our businesses and ratepayers.

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