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Docket No. 50-397

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

**Subject: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AMENDMENT
TO REMOVE OPERATING MODE RESTRICTIONS FOR
EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATOR SURVEILLANCE TESTING**

Reference: Letter GO2-01-053 dated April, 6, 2001, RL Webring (Energy Northwest), to NRC, "Request For Technical Specification Amendment To Remove Operating Mode Restrictions For Emergency Diesel Generator Surveillance Testing"

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Parts 2.101, 50.59 and 50.90, Energy Northwest requested an amendment to the Columbia Generating Station Technical Specifications (TS) to remove selected operating Mode restrictions for performing emergency diesel generator (DG) testing. A discrepancy was noted between the marked-up TS page and the typed TS page in the Reference. Attached is the corrected typed TS page for 3.8.1-7/8.

Since the proposed changes can provide significant reductions in outage critical path time, Energy Northwest appreciates the expedited review by the NRC.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please contact me or PJ Inserra at (509) 377-4147.

Respectfully,



DW Coleman
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
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Attachment, as noted

cc: EW Merschoff - NRC RIV
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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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COUNTY OF BENTON)
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Subject: Request for Amendment
To Remove Operating Mode
Restrictions For Emergency
Diesel Generator Testing

I, DW Coleman, being duly sworn, subscribe to and say that I am the Manager, Regulatory Affairs, the applicant herein; that I have the full authority to execute this oath; that I have reviewed the foregoing; and that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that the statements made in it are true.

DATE May 3, 2001

D. W. Coleman
DW Coleman
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

On this date personally appeared before me DW Coleman, to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 3 day of May 2001

B. J. K. K.
Notary Public in and for the
STATE OF WASHINGTON

Residing at Kennewick, WA

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
<p>SR 3.8.1.3 -----NOTES-----</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DG loadings may include gradual loading as recommended by the manufacturer. 2. Momentary transients outside the load range do not invalidate this test. 3. This Surveillance shall be conducted on only one DG at a time. 4. This SR shall be preceded by, and immediately follow, without shutdown, a successful performance of SR 3.8.1.2 or SR 3.8.1.7. 5. The endurance test of SR 3.8.1.14 may be performed in lieu of the load-run test in SR 3.8.1.3 provided the requirements, except the upper load limits, of SR 3.8.1.3 are met. <p>-----</p> <p>Verify each required DG is synchronized and loaded and operates for ≥ 60 minutes at a load ≥ 4000 kW and ≤ 4400 kW for DG-1 and DG-2, and ≥ 2340 kW and ≤ 2600 kW for DG-3.</p>	31 days
<p>SR 3.8.1.4 Verify each required day tank contains ≥ 1400 gal of fuel oil.</p>	31 days
<p>SR 3.8.1.5 Check for and remove accumulated water from each required day tank.</p>	31 days

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
SR 3.8.1.6 Verify each required fuel oil transfer subsystem operates to automatically transfer fuel oil from the storage tank to the day tank.	92 days
SR 3.8.1.7 -----NOTE----- All DG starts may be preceded by an engine prelube period. ----- Verify each required DG starts from standby condition and achieves: a. For DG-1 and DG-2 in ≤ 15 seconds, voltage ≥ 3910 V and frequency ≥ 58.8 Hz, and after steady state conditions are reached, maintains voltage ≥ 3910 V and ≤ 4400 V and frequency ≥ 58.8 Hz and ≤ 61.2 Hz; and b. For DG-3, in ≤ 15 seconds, voltage ≥ 3740 V and frequency ≥ 58.8 Hz, and after steady state conditions are reached, maintains voltage ≥ 3740 V and ≤ 4400 V and frequency ≥ 58.8 Hz and ≤ 61.2 Hz.	184 days
SR 3.8.1.8 -----NOTE----- The automatic transfer function of this Surveillance shall not be performed in MODE 1 or 2. However, credit may be taken for unplanned events that satisfy this SR. ----- Verify automatic and manual transfer of the power supply to safety related buses from the startup offsite circuit to the backup offsite circuit.	24 months

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