

SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

February 25, 2002

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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ORDER FOR INTERIM SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY
COMPENSATORY MEASURES FOR - COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION

Dear Mr. Parrish:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued the enclosed Order that modifies the current operating license for your facility to require compliance with the specified interim safeguards and security compensatory measures. The Order applies to all Addressees listed in Attachment 1 to the enclosed Order. These interim compensatory measures are listed in Attachment 2 (contains Safeguards Information) to the enclosed Order. The Commission recognizes that you have voluntarily and responsibly implemented additional security measures following the events of September 11, 2001, but, in light of the continuing generalized high-level threat environment, the Commission concludes that the security measures should be embodied in an Order, consistent with the established regulatory framework. The Commission has determined that the generalized high-level threat environment requires that the enclosed Order be effective immediately.

These actions are interim and the basis for the Order is the need to take prudent actions to address security requirements in the present generalized high-level threat environment. This Order does not obviate the need for licensees to continue to meet the objectives of Security Level III described in NRC Information Notice 98-35, and maintain the effectiveness of existing security measures taken in response to the events of September 11, 2001. The requirements will remain in effect pending notification from the Commission that a significant change in the threat environment has occurred, or until the Commission determines that other changes are needed following a more comprehensive re-evaluation of current safeguards and security programs.

The enclosed Order calls for responses and actions within specified time frames. Please contact your Licensing Project Manager to facilitate resolution of any issues related to compliance with the requirements in the enclosed Order, or if you have any other questions.

NOTICE: Attachment 2 to the Order (Interim Compensatory Measures) contains "Safeguards Information." Upon separation of Attachment 2 to the Order, this letter, the enclosed Order, and Attachment 1 to the Order (Address List) are "DECONTROLLED."

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Samuel J. Collins, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-397

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