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

Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
VOLUNTARY RESPONSE TO REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY
2003-14**

Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2003-14, dated August 27, 2003, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"

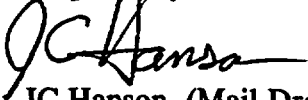
Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached the information requested by Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-14. The information is provided on NRC Form 536. Specifically, the following information is provided:

- The number of examinations that Energy Northwest intends to prepare and the number of examinations we will request the NRC to prepare for calendar years 2004 through 2007.
- The number of initial license applicants to be tested and proposed and alternate dates of examination for calendar years 2004 through 2007.
- The estimated number of applicants who plan to take the GFE in calendar years 2004 and 2005.

If you require additional information, please contact RE Guthrie at (509) 377-8269.

Respectfully,



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Attachment: NRC 536 form

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**OPERATOR LICENSING
EXAMINATION DATA**

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A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 4	CY 5	CY 6	CY 7
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	0	1	0
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0

B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 4	CY 5	CY 6	CY 7
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	2	0	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	10	0	6	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	0	3	0
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0
PROPOSED DATES				
PRIMARY DATE	09/20/2004		09/19/2006	
ALTERNATE DATE	10/04/2004		10/02/2006	

C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE

PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 04				CY 05			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0