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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET 50-397
READINESS FOR NRC INSPECTION PROCEDURE (IP) 95002,
SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION FOR ONE DEGRADED
CORNERSTONE OR ANY THREE WHITE INPUTS IN A STRATEGIC
PERFORMANCE AREA**

References:

1. Letter, GI2-12-141, dated October 24, 2012 from EE Collins (NRC) to ME Reddemann (Energy Northwest), "Columbia Generating Station – Final Significance Determination of White Findings and Notice of Violation, NRC Inspection Report 05000397/2012502" [ML12298A489]
2. Letter, GI2-12-142, dated October 24, 2012 from EE Collins (NRC) to ME Reddemann (Energy Northwest), "Followup Assessment Letter for Columbia Generating Station" [ML12299A326]
3. Letter, GI2-12-119, dated September 4, 2012 from WC Walker (NRC) to ME Reddemann (Energy Northwest), "Mid-Cycle Assessment Letter for Columbia Generating Station (Report 05000397/2012006)" [ML12248A428]

Dear Sir or Madam:

In Reference 1, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued two White findings to Energy Northwest in the Emergency Preparedness Cornerstone. The White findings involved a failure to maintain a standard emergency action level scheme in accordance with 10 CFR 50.47(b)(4), and a failure to maintain adequate methods for assessing potential consequences of a radiological emergency condition in accordance with 10 CFR 50.47(b)(9).

Reference 2 was issued, as a supplement to Reference 3, to update Columbia's position in the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Action Matrix, and to inform Energy Northwest of the NRC's intent to perform a 95002 Supplemental Inspection. Reference 2 requested that Energy Northwest provide written notification of readiness for the 95002 inspection. This letter provides notification that Energy Northwest is prepared for the supplemental inspection.

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There are no regulatory commitments in this letter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. ZK Dunham at (509) 377-4735.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DW Gregoire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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