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 Nuclear Project at Hanford. Purchasing & finishing terminated
 WPPSS plants at Hanford & Satsop should be considered as
 one alternative to proposed action.

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Dear Mr. Norris:

I have only one comment regarding the construction of two power reactors by the Skagit/Hanford Nuclear Project (S/HNP) at Hanford. Purchasing and finishing the terminated Supply System plants at Hanford and Satsop should be considered as one alternative to the proposed action.

Finishing the Supply System plants would have less environmental and economic impact on the region than construction of two new plants. The Tri-Cities area is extremely sensitive to the boom-bust phenomenon. It is going through such a phase right now. Resuming work on WNP #4 would certainly take the edge off the present economic downturn. I imagine that the same situation is true for WNP #5 at Satsop. Both of these plants are valuable assets. Both communities have suffered as a result of their termination. In my mind, it makes sense to consider recovering these plants rather than build two new plants.

Thank-you,


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