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Gentlemen:

Subject: **WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21  
RESPONSE TO FOLLOW-UP REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION REGARDING GENERIC LETTER 92-08 "THERMO-LAG  
330-1 FIRE BARRIERS"**

- References:
- 1) Letter GI2-95-002 dated December 29, 1994, RP Zimmerman (NRC) to JV Parrish (SS); "Follow-up To The Request For Additional Information Regarding Generic Letter 92-08, Thermo-Lag 330-1 Fire Barriers, Issued Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) For the Washington Public Power Supply System (Supply System), Nuclear Project No. 2 (WNP-2) (TAC No. M85624)"
  - 2) Letter GO2-94-254 dated November 9, 1994, JV Parrish to USNRC, "10 CFR 50.54(f) Response To Follow-up Request For Additional Information Regarding Generic letter 92-08, Thermo-lag 330-1 Fire Barriers"

This letter addresses the follow-up request for additional information regarding Thermo-Lag fire barriers, as detailed in Reference 1.

As indicated in Reference 2, we have been reevaluating plant design in light of the problems involved in using Thermo-Lag 330-1 to protect equipment used to reach a safe shutdown condition in event of a fire. A mixture of approaches have been considered including minimization of systems and components needed to achieve safe shutdown, circuit re-routing, additional fire suppression, and use of alternative fire barrier materials. While our process is not complete as yet, we have determined that in all likelihood we can adequately protect safe shutdown capability without continued reliance on Thermo-Lag 330-1. A summary of the results

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of our reevaluation will be presented by May 1, 1995, as discussed informally with staff at the March 14 public meeting concerning interpretation of the 10 CFR 50.54(f) requests for information about use of Thermo-Lag. The requested schedule will be included in the May 1, 1995, submittal.

As a result of our decision, we have discontinued efforts to qualify Thermo-Lag 330-1 installations intended to protect safe shutdown capability. From this perspective, we have not included any of the information requested by Reference 1, because our resources are focused on finalization of the reevaluation process. Should future developments require reconsideration of decision to forgo use of Thermo-Lag 330-1 to protect safe shutdown capability, we will advise staff promptly, and provide the requested information within 90 days of that notification.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please call me or D.A. Swank at (509) 377-4563.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Response to Follow-up Request for  
Additional Information Regarding  
Generic Letter 92-08, "Thermo-Lag  
330-1 Fire Barriers"

I, J. V. PARRISH, being duly sworn, subscribe to and say that I am the Vice-President, Nuclear Operations for the WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM, 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 the statements made in it are true.

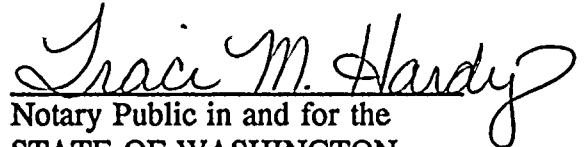
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J. V. Parrish, Vice-President  
Nuclear Operations

On this date personally appeared before me J. V. PARRISH, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1995.



  
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