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SUBJECT: ORDER IMPOSING CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY - \$100,000
(Washington Nuclear Project 2)

Dear Mr. Parrish:

This refers to your letter dated December 23, 1996, in response to the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) sent to you by our letter dated November 26, 1996. Our letter and Notice described several violations of Technical Specification requirements at Washington Nuclear Project 2 (WNP-2).

To emphasize the significance of taking corrective actions that are effective in precluding similar violations and the fundamental importance of having an effective program for assuring that surveillance requirements are performed as required, a civil penalty of \$100,000 was proposed. In proposing this penalty, the NRC recognized that the Washington Public Power Supply System (Supply System) identified most of the current violations and took prompt and comprehensive corrective action for the current violations. However, the NRC utilized its enforcement discretion to propose the penalty to emphasize the Supply System's failure to adequately correct previous similar violations and to emphasize the fundamental importance of surveillance requirements.

In its response, the Supply System admitted that the violations had occurred but requested reconsideration of the proposed civil penalty, citing the following reasons: 1) a penalty of \$50,000 would be more consistent with the purposes of the NRC's enforcement policy; 2) there was no systemic breakdown in operational activities at WNP-2; 3) additional credit should be given for corrective actions; and 4) the enforcement action placed too much emphasis on a previous surveillance-related violation.

After consideration of the response, we have concluded for the reasons provided in the Appendix to the enclosed Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty (Order) that the civil penalty as originally proposed should be imposed by order. Accordingly, the enclosed Order requires the Washington Public Power Supply System to pay a civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$100,000, as provided in Section IV of the enclosed Order. We will review the effectiveness of your corrective actions during subsequent inspections.

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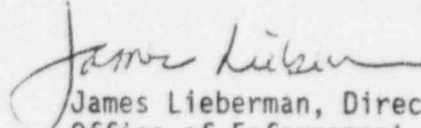
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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter and enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,


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