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April 14, 2003

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**SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION NRC SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION OF  
COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/03-03**

Dear Mr. Parrish:

On March 7, 2003, the NRC completed an inspection at your Columbia Generating Station. The enclosed report documents the inspection findings that were discussed on March 7, 2003, with you and other members of your staff. Additionally, on April 3, 2003, the inspectors conducted a final exit meeting with Mr. Steve Scammon, Resource Protection Manager, and other members of your staff.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and compliance with an Order issued on February 25, 2002, which required your site to implement specific measures related to the security of your facility. The inspection utilized Temporary Instruction 2515/148, "Inspection of Nuclear Reactor Safeguards Interim Compensatory Measures," to verify implementation of the Order as clarified in your responses dated March 18, and September 6, 2002. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

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Sincerely,

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Dockets: 50-397  
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Report No.: 50-397/03-03  
Licensee: Energy Northwest  
Facility: Columbia Generating Station  
Location: Richland, Washington  
Dates: March 3 - 7, 2003  
Inspectors: Gregory A. Pick, Senior Physical Security Inspector  
Frank L. Brush, Senior Resident Inspector  
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Accompanying Personnel: James Buchanon, Reactor Inspector  
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Attachment: Supplemental Information

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**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

IR 05000397-03-03, Energy Northwest; 03/03 - 07/2003; Columbia Generating Station;  
TI 2515/148, Verification of Compliance With Interim Compensatory Measures Order.

The inspection was conducted by one senior physical security inspector, one senior resident inspector, and one resident inspector.

**Cornerstone: Physical Security**

- On February 25, 2002, the NRC imposed by Order, Interim Compensatory Measures to enhance physical security. The inspectors determined that, overall, the licensee appropriately incorporated the Interim Compensatory Measures into the site protective strategy and access authorization program; developed and implemented relevant procedures; ensured that the emergency plan could be implemented; and established and effectively coordinated interface agreements with offsite organizations.
- The inspectors identified an unresolved item for failure to analyze the effects of the vehicle bomb on security monitoring equipment and two security structures, as required by Item B.2.(a).1 of the Order. This item remains open pending review by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section III.A.2).
- The inspectors identified an unresolved item because the licensee may have failed to train appropriate personnel on hostage and duress situations, as required by Item B.3.e of the Order. This item remains open pending review by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section IV.E.2).
- The inspectors identified an unresolved item for failure to maintain owner controlled area patrols random and continuous as required by Item B.4.e of the Order. This item remains open pending review by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section V.E.2).
- The inspectors identified an unresolved item regarding availability of supplementary equipment, as required by Item B.4.f of the Order. This item remains open pending review by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section V.F.2).
- The inspectors identified an unresolved item regarding an evaluation of hazardous material as specified in Item B.5.c of the Order. This item remains open pending review by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section VI.C.2).

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- The inspectors identified an unresolved item for failure to control generic use of passwords as required by Item B.5.f of the Order. This item remains open pending review by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Section VI.F.2).

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