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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION – NRC TEAM INSPECTION
REPORT 05000397/2008006

Dear Mr. Parrish:

On May 9, 2008, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a team inspection of your Columbia Generating Station. The enclosed report documents the team's results, which were discussed on May 9, 2008, with Mr. Tom Lynch and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to the implementation of B.5.b Phase 2 and 3 mitigating strategies, your compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and with the condition of your operating license. Within these areas, the inspection involved examination of selected procedures and records, observation of activities, and interviews with station personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, no findings of significance were identified.

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Sincerely,

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NRC Inspection Report 05000397/2008006

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