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10 CFR 50.75(f)(1)

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397
DECOMMISSIONING FUND STATUS REPORT**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1), Energy Northwest hereby reports the status of the Columbia Generating Station decommissioning funding:

- Estimated Decommissioning Cost - \$872.7 Million*
- Fund Balance as of December 31, 2008 - \$114.3 Million
- Schedule of Payments - Attached
- Assumed Cost Escalation Rate - 4%
- Assumed Interest Rate - 6%
- 10 CFR 50.75(e)(1)(v) Customer Contracts - Not Applicable
- Changes in Financial Assurance Method - None
- Material Changes to Trust Agreement - None

* The value for the estimated decommissioning cost does not include state costs or spent fuel management costs.

There are no commitments being made to the NRC by this letter. Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please contact MC Humphreys at (509) 377-4025.

Respectfully,

GV Cullen
Manager, Regulatory Programs

Attachment: Funding Schedule

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Funding Schedule

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Contract No. 96MS95254

Fiscal Year ¹	Columbia Decommissioning ² (in thousands of dollars)		
	Payment	Interest Earned	Account Balance
FY 2008 Actuals	-	-	121,605
FY 2009	6,992	7,296	135,893
FY 2010	7,866	8,154	151,912
FY 2011	8,849	9,115	169,876
FY 2012	9,956	10,193	190,025
FY 2013	12,331	11,401	213,757
FY 2014	15,271	12,825	241,854
FY 2015	18,914	14,511	275,279
FY 2016	23,424	16,517	315,220
FY 2017	29,011	18,913	363,144
FY 2018	35,930	21,789	420,862
FY 2019	44,500	25,252	490,614
FY 2020	55,113	29,437	575,164
FY 2021	68,257	34,510	677,931
FY 2022	84,537	40,676	803,144
FY 2023	104,699	48,189	956,031
FY 2024	129,669	57,362	1,143,062

Notes:

1. The funding schedule is based on fiscal year (FY) payments and earnings. The Columbia fiscal year begins in July of the preceding year. For example, FY 2008 began July 1, 2007.
2. The Columbia Decommissioning account only reflects the funding schedule associated with radiological decommissioning required to be reported by 10 CFR 50.75. These funds are not associated with the funds set aside for addressing state costs or spent fuel management costs.