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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

cc: EE Collins - NRC RIV  
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## Funding Schedule

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Contract No. 96MS95254

| Fiscal Year <sup>1</sup> | Columbia Decommissioning <sup>2</sup><br>(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.