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Dear Mr. Wallace:

Re: Columbia Power Corporation and
West Kootenay Power Ltd.
Brilliant Energy Supply Contract - Powerex Backstop

Further to your letter of April 30, 1996 regarding the above-noted, the Commission confirms that the filing of the final Powerex Backstop Agreement is not required at this time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Pellatt", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Pellatt

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cc: Mr. Robert H. Hobbs
Director, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Secretary
West Kootenay Power Ltd.