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VIA FAX

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Under rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating issues relating to the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) pilot project regarding the re-enrichment of the Department of Energy's (DOE) depleted uranium tails. As part of that pilot project, DOE sold the high-assay depleted uranium tails to Energy Northwest (EN), and DOE delivered the tails to the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) for enrichment services pursuant to a contract between USEC and EN.

This inquiry follows an April 3, 2008, hearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations regarding DOE's plans for managing its depleted uranium tails stockpile and its strategies to maximize value from the stockpile for taxpayers.

The Committee made a verbal request to the General Counsel office at Energy Northwest for a copy of the EN-USEC contract for enrichment services. In response to a phone call and series of e-mails, EN staff notified the Committee that a copy of the contract would be provided if a letter of request was submitted by us. Accordingly, the Committee hereby requests:

- 1. Energy Northwest's contract with USEC for enrichment services (Energy Northwest Contract #318588); and
- 2. Letters and e-mail communications received by Energy Northwest from USEC, BPA, or DOE regarding this Committee's request for this contract.

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We ask that you supply the requested information <u>no later than five business days from the date of this letter</u>. If you have any questions relating to this request, please contact John F. Sopko or Richard Miller with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell

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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member Committee on Energy and Commerce

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