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## FORM 35-CERT

Certificate of compliance with terms by public utility company under Rule 24

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#### **COLUMBIA ENERGY GROUP**

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Interim Report Under Rule 24 of the  
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935  
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Gentlemen:

In compliance with the terms and conditions of Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and the Orders of the Commission dated April 17, 1998 and December 22, 1997, authorizing the financing transactions and business activities as more fully described in the Joint Application/Declaration, as amended (the "application"), the undersigned hereby certifies to the Commission that:

Confidential treatment requested.

Very truly yours,

Columbia Energy Group

By: //s// J. W. Grossman

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J. W. Grossman, Vice President