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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, REVIEW OF LICENSEE'S
RESPONSE TO ACTION ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SECOND 10-YEAR
INTERVAL INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM (TAC NO. MA8537)

Dear Mr. Keiser:

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1420.

Sincerely,

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