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SUBJECT: MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3 - AMENDMENT NO. 157  
(TAC NO. M99502)

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Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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