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We would appreciate any information that you can provide concerning listed, proposed, or candidate species that may occur in the vicinity of the McGuire site, and its associated transmission lines, critical habitats in the vicinity, and other pertinent information that would be useful in our review. We have enclosed a figure depicting the McGuire site and neighboring counties.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact James H. Wilson, Senior Project Manager, at (301) 415-1108.

Sincerely,

/S/by C. Carpenter

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