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Gentlemen:

**MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-354**

In compliance with Section 6.9, Reporting Requirements for the Hope Creek Technical Specifications, the operating statistics for **March 2002** are being forwarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. F. Garchow".

D. F. Garchow
Vice President - Operations

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 UNIT: Hope Creek
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Reporting Period March 2002

OPERATING DATA REPORT

Design Electrical Rating (MWe-Net)
Maximum Dependable Capacity (MWe-Net)

No. of hours reactor was critical
No. of hours generator was on line (service hours)
Unit reserve shutdown hours
Net Electrical Energy (MWH)

1083		
1049		
Month	Year-to-date	Cumulative
744	2160	114582
744	2160	112424
0	0	0
728675	2252309	113887917

UNIT SHUTDOWNS

NO.	DATE	TYPE F=FORCED S=SCHEDULED	DURATION (HOURS)	REASON (1)	METHOD OF SHUTTING DOWN THE REACTOR (2)	CORRECTIVE ACTION/ COMMENT

(1) Reason

- A - Equipment Failure (Explain)
- B - Maintenance or Test
- C - Refueling
- D - Regulatory Restriction
- E - Operator Training/License Examination
- F - Administrative
- G - Operational Error (Explain)
- H - Other

(2) Method

- 1 - Manual
- 2 - Manual Trip/Scram
- 3 - Automatic Trip/Scram
- 4 - Continuation
- 5 - Other (Explain)

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Summary Of Monthly Operating Experience

- Hope Creek began the month at 100% power.
- On March 16, there was a planned power reduction to 60% to perform flux suppression testing to identify the location of failed fuel rod. Power remained at a reduced level until after rod pattern adjustments were performed on March 24. Power was returned to 100% on March 25.
- On March 27, there was a planned power reduction to approximately 80% for additional rod pattern adjustments, which were the result of the flux suppression testing. Power was returned to 100% on March 28.
- At the end of the month, the plant completed 110 days of continuous operation.