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SUBJECT: DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENTS 6 AND 7 TO THE GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING THE LICENSE
RENEWAL FOR THE SURRY AND NORTH ANNA POWER STATIONS

Dear Dr. Shehab:

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We appreciate the time that you made available to us to discuss your views on the screen mesh size issue raised by the U.S. Department of Interior and its relationship to the Section 316(b) demonstration that was necessary for the discharge permit at Surry. In your discussion with us, given that you had first-hand exposure to the fish return system, you suggested that the current screen mesh size does not appear to be a significant issue. We are in the latter stages of preparation of the final EIS; should you have an interest in providing additional insight on this issue, we request that such comments be received by the NRC no later than October 15, 2002, so that they may be considered in the final EIS. Comments on this issue should be addressed to Mr. Andrew J. Kugler, Mailstop O-12 D-3, U.S. NRC, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the NRC at SurryEIS@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-280, 50-281,
50-338, and 50-339

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