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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF WCAP-15996-P, REVISION 0 AND WCAP-15996-NP,
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(TAC NO. MB6982)

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Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, staff hours will be billed accordingly. To enable us to complete this review on schedule, close and frequent communications between our technical staffs will be required.

Sincerely,

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