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**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 **December 2003** are being forwarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Hutton for".

James A. Hutton
Hope Creek Plant Manager

Attachments

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DOCKET NO.: 50-354
 UNIT: Hope Creek
 DATE: 1/9/04
 COMPLETED BY: F. Todd
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Reporting Period December 2003

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
503	7410	128526
427	7138	125957
0	0	0
404364	7260581	127739272

UNIT SHUTDOWNS

NO.	DATE	TYPE F=FORCED S=SCHEDULED	DURATION (HOURS)	REASON (1)	METHOD OF SHUTTING DOWN THE REACTOR (2)	CORRECTIVE ACTION/ COMMENT
7	12/5/03 - 12/19/03	F	317 hrs.	A	1	Repair Steam Seal Evaporator Steam Leak and Reactor Water Cleanup Steam Leak

(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

- The unit entered the month at 100% reactor power.
- On December 5, Hope Creek performed a planned downpower to approximately 23% power to repair a steam leak in the steam seal evaporator line. Later that day, the unit was taken off line to repair a steam leak in the Reactor Water Cleanup System that was discovered during the downpower.
- The unit was placed back on-line on December 16, reaching 100% power on December 24.
- At the end of the month, Hope Creek completed 15 days of continuous on-line operation.