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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - CATEGORY ONE MEETING  
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT - EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, DOCKET  
NOS. 50-321 AND 50-366**

Dear Mr. Sumner:

This letter confirms the conversation between Mr. Steve Tipps of your staff and Mr. Douglas Simpkins of the NRC staff concerning an Annual Assessment Meeting (Category One public meeting) requested by us which is scheduled for April 6, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. (EST). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the NRC Reactor Oversight Process Annual Assessment of your Hatch Nuclear Plant.

During the meeting, we recognize that you may have information which you want to present to us or any members of the public in attendance. Accordingly, if you so desire, after our presentation you will be afforded an opportunity to respond to any information contained in the Annual Assessment Letter and to discuss any new or existing programs that are designed to maintain or improve your current performance.

The location of the meeting will be at the Southeastern Technical College, 3001 East First Street, Vidalia, GA. The meeting will be an open meeting in accordance with "NRC's Policy Statement for Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings," May 28, 2002 (Federal Register Volume 67, Number 102, 36920-36924).

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Should you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact me at (404) 562-4540.

Sincerely,

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