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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 **March 2004** are being forwarded.

Sincerely,

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

James A. Hutton
Hope Creek Plant Manager

Attachments

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DOCKET NO.: 50-354
 UNIT: Hope Creek
 DATE: 4/7/04
 COMPLETED BY: F. Todd
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Reporting Period March 2004

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
470	1825	130350
465	1789	127745
0	0	0
495484	1828316	129567588

UNIT SHUTDOWNS

NO.	DATE	TYPE F=FORCED S=SCHEDULED	DURATION (HOURS)	REASON (1)	METHOD OF SHUTTING DOWN THE REACTOR (2)	CORRECTIVE ACTION/ COMMENT
2	3/20/04 - 3/31/04	S	279 Hrs.	B	1	Repair F020 Valve Steam Leak and Control Rod Drive Mechanisms

(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 entered the month at 100% reactor power.
- Hope Creek was manually shutdown on March 20 for planned corrective maintenance due to a steam leak on a main steam line drain valve.
- At the end of the month, Hope Creek remained in the planned outage.