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TO: Nathan Brown, Manager of Power Supply

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have attached a letter regarding the final South Mississippi Electric Power Association readiness audit report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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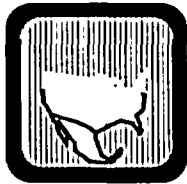
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March 24, 2005

Mr. Nathan Brown
Manager of Power Supply
South Mississippi Electric Power Association
P.O. Box 15849
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39402

Dear Mr. Brown:

South Mississippi Electric Power Association Readiness Audit Report

A copy of the audit team's final report for the South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA) readiness audit, completed on October 26–28, 2004, has been posted on the NERC Web site <http://www.nerc.com/~rap/audits.html> in accordance with the Compliance and Certification Committee procedure.

That procedure states:

The final audit report will be posted to the NERC website. Should there be a disagreement regarding the findings and recommendations, the control area may provide a statement in writing to be posted in conjunction with the final audit report.

Should the control area seek adjudication of the dispute through the dispute resolution process, it shall notify NERC within thirty days from the time the audit is posted and transmitted to the control area.

The audit report includes several recommendations from the audit team. SMEPA is to submit an improvement plan to SERC addressing each of these recommendations. SERC, working with NERC, will monitor the implementation of these plans.

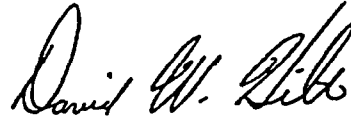
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Mr. Nathan Brown
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Once again I would like to thank you and your staff for all of your support during this audit and would welcome any suggestions you may have to improve the audit process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Hilt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David W. Hilt
Vice President-Compliance

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