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TO: Mr. Dennis Florum - Manager Energy & Environmental Operations

Dear Mr. Florum:

I have attached a letter regarding the final Lincoln Electric System readiness audit report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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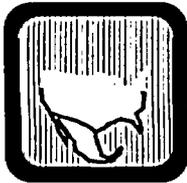
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April 20, 2005

Mr. Dennis Florom
Manager Energy & Environmental Operations
Lincoln Electric System
1040 "O" Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Mr. Florom:

Lincoln Electric System Readiness Audit Report

A copy of the audit team's final report for the Lincoln Electric System (LES) readiness audit, completed on December 7-9, 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. LES is to submit an improvement plan to MRO addressing each of these recommendations. MRO, working with NERC, will monitor the implementation of these plans.

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Mr. Dennis Florom
April 20, 2005
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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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