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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENT 22 TO THE
GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE
RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS, REGARDING MILLSTONE POWER
STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 (TAC NOS. MC1827 AND MC1828)

Dear Mr. Christian:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed plant-specific Supplement 22 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-65 and NPF-49 for an additional 20 years of operation at Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3, respectively. Enclosed is a copy of the final report and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the final report is publicly available at the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The accession number for the final Supplement 22 to the GEIS is ML051960293. In addition, the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and the Three Rivers Community College, Thames River Campus Library, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, have agreed to make the final Supplement 22 available for public inspection.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of this report, the staff recommends that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for the Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments received during the environmental review.

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A separate notice of filing of the final supplemental environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Senior Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Richard L. Emch, Jr., at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1590 or by e-mail at RLE@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENT 22 TO THE GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS,
REGARDING MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has published a final plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-65 and NPF-49 for an additional 20 years of operation at Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3 (Millstone), respectively. Millstone is located in Waterford, Connecticut, on Millstone Point between the Niantic and Thames Rivers, approximately 40 miles to the southeast of Hartford, Connecticut. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. **Section 9.3 of the final Supplement 22 states:**

Based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS (NRC 1996; 1999), (2) the ER [environmental report] submitted by Dominion (Dominion 2004b), (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies, (4) the staff's own independent review, and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Millstone, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable.

The final Supplement 22 to the GEIS is publicly available at the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible at

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>; a link is provided to access documents through the Web-based component of ADAMS. The accession number for the final Supplement 22 to the GEIS is ML051960293. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov. In addition, the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and the Three Rivers Community College, Thames River Campus Library, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, have agreed to make the final Supplement 22 to the GEIS available for public inspection.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of July, 2005.

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