December 5, 2005

Mr. David A. Christian Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer Dominion Resources Services, Inc. Innsbrook Technical Center 5000 Dominion Blvd. Glenn Allen, VA 23060-6711

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, you may contact Nitin Patel at (301) 415-3201 or <u>nxp1@nrc.gov</u>.

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