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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) AT THE GRAND GULF
ESP SITE (TAC NO. MC1379)

Dear Mr. Eaton:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG-1817, "Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Grand Gulf ESP Site - Final Report." Enclosed is a copy of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the final EIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room) and directly from the NRC Web site at www.nrc.gov. In addition, the Harriette Person Memorial Library, located at 606 Main Street, Port Gibson, Mississippi, has agreed to make the final EIS available for public inspection.

As discussed in Section 10.5 of the final EIS, the staff's recommendation related to the environmental aspects of the proposed action is that the ESP should be issued. This recommendation is based on (1) the Environmental Report submitted by System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI); (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies; (3) the staff's independent review; (4) the staff's consideration of comments received during the public scoping process and on the draft EIS; (5) the assessments summarized in the final EIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified in the environmental report and in the final EIS; and (6) the staff's conclusion in the final EIS that there are no obviously superior alternative sites.

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A separate notice of filing of the draft 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 Environmental Project Manager, Mr. James Wilson, at 301-415-1108 or by e-mail at GrandGulfEIS@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 52-009

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DOCKET NO. 52-009

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The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that NUREG-1817, "Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Grand Gulf ESP Site - Final Report," is available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and

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