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SUBJECT: WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 - CLOSEOUT OF  
LICENSEE'S RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 2006-03, "POTENTIALLY  
NONCONFORMING HEMYC AND MT FIRE BARRIER CONFIGURATIONS"  
(TAC NO. MD1647)

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Your response also stated that other 1 or 3-hour fire barriers that separate redundant safe shutdown trains located within the same fire area have been designed and installed in accordance with current Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) guidance. The basis for your conclusion that these fire barriers have been designed and installed in accordance with NRC guidance should be maintained on site, and will be subject to inspection during the normal NRC inspection process.

This letter closes out the NRC staff review of your response to GL 2006-03 for Waterford 3. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 301-415-3062.

Sincerely,

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