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SUBJECT: YEAR 2000 READINESS OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR WATTS BAR
NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1, (TAC NO. MA1906)

Dear Mr. Scalice:

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The purpose of this letter is to confirm, as discussed with your staff at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant during the week of August 24, 1998, the NRC staff's plans to conduct an audit of the effectiveness of the TVA Y2K readiness program at Watts Bar during the week of November 16, 1998. The objectives of the audit will be to: (1) to assess the effectiveness of TVA programs for achieving Y2K readiness including compliance with the terms and conditions of the license, NRC regulations and ensuring continued safe operation, (2) to evaluate program implementation activities to assure that TVA is on schedule to achieve Y2K readiness in accordance with GL 98-01 guidelines, and (3) to assess TVA contingency planning for addressing risks associated with events resulting from Y2K problems.

Your assistance in supporting this audit activity will be appreciated. If you have further questions please contact me, (301) 415-1493, or Mr. Matthew Chiramal, (301) 415-2845, who will be leading the staff's audit activities.

Sincerely,
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