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SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (CATAWBA) – DAM SAFETY
AND OPERATION INSPECTION REPORT (TAC NO. MD8547)

Dear Mr. Morris:

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At FERC's request, the enclosure is not being made publicly available since it contains critical energy infrastructure information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Thompson".

Jon Thompson, Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

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