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MEMORANDUM TO: Bruce S. Mallett
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SUBJECT: BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 – STAFF PLAN
FOR ASSESSMENT OF TRANSITION TO DEFERRED PLANT
STATUS (TAC NOS. ME1904 AND ME1905)

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