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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF GE-HITACHI NUCLEAR ENERGY
AMERICAS, LLC TOPICAL REPORT NEDE-33284P, SUPPLEMENT 1,
"MARATHON-ULTRA CONTROL ROD ASSEMBLY" (TAC NO. ME3524)

Dear Mr. Head:

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Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Stephen S. Philpott at (301) 415-2365.

Sincerely,

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