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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION AND SALEM NUCLEAR  
GENERATING STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Saunders:

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As stated in our letter dated November 24, 2009, the NRC staff has determined that the area of potential effect (APE) for a license renewal action is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by post-license renewal land disturbing operation or projected refurbishment activities associated with the proposed action. The staff views the APE for the HCGS and Salem license renewal as including the HCGS and Salem sites and the immediate environs.

The NRC staff has conducted an environmental audit at the site and has reviewed historic and archaeological records. The NRC staff also contacted 17 Native American Tribes identified as having potential interest in the proposed undertaking. To date, no comments have been received.

In the context of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, under which the draft environmental impact statement was prepared, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that the impact of license renewal on historical and archaeological resources is small, and additional mitigation is not warranted. Under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that no historic properties will be adversely affected by the proposed action.

D. Saunders

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Please note that the period for public comment expires on December 17, 2010. If your office requires additional time, or if there are any other questions regarding this correspondence, please have your representative contact the Environmental Project Manager, Ms. Leslie Perkins, at 301-415-2375 or by e-mail at [Leslie.Perkins@nrc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Perkins@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Bo Pham, Chief  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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