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SUBJECT: WILLIAM STATES LEE III NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 COMBINED  
LICENSE APPLICATION – ADVANCED SAFETY EVALUATION WITHOUT OPEN  
ITEMS FOR CHAPTER 16, “TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION”

Dear Mr. Jones:

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