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SUBJECT: APPROVAL LETTER OF THE ACCEPTED VERSION OF THE GE-HITACHI
NUCLEAR ENERGY AMERICAS, LLC TOPICAL REPORT NEDE-33284,
SUPPLEMENT 1, "MARATHON-ULTRA CONTROL ROD ASSEMBLY"
(TAC NO. ME3524)

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated March 7, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML120680055), GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC (GEH) submitted the accepted ("-A") versions of Topical Report (TR) NEDE-33284 Supplement 1P-A, Revision 1, and NEDO-33284 Supplement 1-A, Revision 1, "Marathon-Ultra Control Rod Assembly," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. GEH has done so in accordance with the NRC staff's request to publish accepted proprietary and non-proprietary versions of this TR, as detailed in the transmittal letter of the NRC staff's final safety evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML120370620) for the original TR.

The NRC staff has completed its review of the accepted versions of this TR. The NRC staff determined that GEH has met the requirements and that the submitted -A versions are acceptable for referencing in licensing applications for nuclear power plants to the extent specified and under the limitations delineated in the accepted versions of the TR.

If future changes to the NRC's regulatory requirements affect the acceptability of this TR, GEH and/or licensees referencing it will be expected to revise the TR appropriately, or justify its continued applicability for subsequent referencing.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Philpott at 301-415-2365.

Sincerely,

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