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December 6, 2013

Mr. Earl J. Barbry Sr., Chairman
Tunica -Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 1589
Marksville, LA 71351

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF
GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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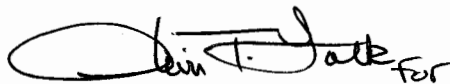
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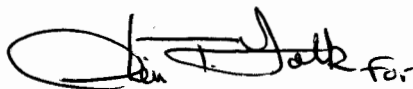
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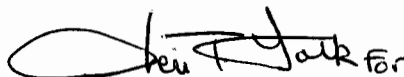
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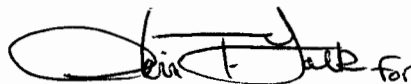
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