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SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - WITHDRAWAL OF
PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 10 CFR 50.55a(z)(1)
(CAC NO. MF6616)

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The purpose of this letter is to advise that the above-cited proposed alternative is being treated as withdrawn. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff activities on the review have ceased and the associated Cost Activity Code (CAC MF6616) has been closed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-2064 or by e-mail at William.Huffman@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Huffman".

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