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SUBJECT: FINAL INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR HATCH (NRC
INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-321/96-03 AND 50-366/96-05)

Dear Mr. Beckham:

This letter, and the enclosed report, provide the results of the Integrated Performance Assessment of the Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. Phase I of this assessment was a review of docketed material performed in the Region II Office between February 12 and 23, 1996. The results of Phase I were provided to you in Inspection Report 50-321/96-03 and 50-366/96-03 dated February 23, 1996. Phase II of the assessment was conducted on-site between March 11 and 22, 1996. Throughout the assessment the team did not identify any inoperable safety system or equipment. The enclosed report provides an integrated assessment and inspection recommendations based on the docket review and information from the on-site inspection.

Poor balance of plant equipment performance and material condition caused numerous scrams, transients and downpowers which challenged operators and safety systems. Operators responded well to these events and safety systems functioned properly. Personnel errors in the areas of maintenance and routine operations persisted throughout the period. Corrective actions were taken but were not totally effective. Overall engineering support was effective. However, support to maintenance in reducing recurring equipment problems was mixed. Security, emergency preparedness and radiation protection programs were effective. The inspection team recommended normal inspection in the areas of operations, maintenance, engineering, and safety assessment/corrective actions. Reduced inspection was recommended for the areas of security, emergency preparedness and radiation protection areas.

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Sincerely,

(Original Signed by A. F. Gibson)

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Enclosure: Final Assessment

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