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SUBJECT: DENIAL OF AMENDMENT REQUEST REGARDING THE HOPE CREEK GENERATING
STATION SERVICE WATER SYSTEM AND ULTIMATE HEAT SINK (TAC NO. M96497)

Dear Mr. Eliason:

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A copy of the Notice of Denial of Amendment to be published in the Federal Register is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

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