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SUBJECT: EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
(TAC NOS. M99393 AND M99394)

Dear Mr. Sumner:

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The assessment is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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