

October 22, 1998

Mr. Charles M. Dugger
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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF LICENSING ACTION FOR GENERIC LETTER 97-04,
"ASSURANCE OF SUFFICIENT NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD FOR
EMERGENCY CORE COOLING AND CONTAINMENT HEAT REMOVAL
PUMPS," DATED OCTOBER 7, 1997, WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC
STATION, UNIT 3 (TAC NO. MA0060)

Dear Mr. Dugger:

On October 7, 1997, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 97-04, "Assurance of Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps," to all holders of operating licenses or construction permits. The NRC issued GL 97-04 to confirm the adequacy of the net positive suction head available for emergency core cooling (including core spray and decay heat removal) and containment heat removal pumps under all design-basis accident scenarios.

In response to GL 97-04, you provided letters dated November 5, 1997, and January 5, 1998, for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. In response to a request for additional information dated May 29, 1998, you submitted additional letters dated June 29 and October 1, 1998. These submittals provided the information requested by GL 97-04. The staff has reviewed your response and has concluded that all requested information has been provided; therefore we consider GL 97-04 closed for your facility.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,
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