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SUBJECT: PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2, REVISION TO
 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS SAFETY LIMIT MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER
 RATIO FOR CYCLE 13 OPERATION (TAC NO. MA2353)

Dear Mr. Edwards:

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This amendment revises the TSs for safety limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio from its current value of 1.11 to 1.10 for two recirculation loop operation, and from 1.13 to 1.12 for single recirculation loop operation. A second change request to add a footnote to TS 5.6.5.b.1 is determined not to be required. Therefore, that change request is denied. A Notice of Partial Denial is enclosed.

A copy of the safety evaluation is also enclosed. Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's Bi-Weekly Federal Register Notice. The Notice of Partial Denial will be published in the Federal Register.

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Sincerely,

/s/

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