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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION OF LICENSEE RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 95-07,
"PRESSURE LOCKING AND THERMAL BINDING OF SAFETY-RELATED
POWER-OPERATED GATE VALVES," HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
(TAC NO. M93472)

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The NRC staff has reviewed PSE&G's submittals and finds that the actions requested in GL-95-07 have been adequately addressed, as discussed in the enclosed safety evaluation. This completes the staff's efforts on TAC No. M93472.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1420.

Sincerely,

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