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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant - Unit 1
Cycle 17 Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), Rev. 3

Gentlemen:

This letter transmits an information copy of Revision 3 of the Unit 1 COLR for Cycle 17. Revision 2 was issued to the Control Room and was in the process of being distributed when Revision 3 was developed. The decision was made to distribute Revision 3 with the Revision 2 changes incorporated.

Revision 2 changed the COLR format and added new ARTS limits for operation with only one turbine pressure regulator in service and provided additional operating margin by reducing some unnecessary conservatism in the operating limit minimum critical power ratio (OLMCPR) values for GE9B fuel and by subdividing one batch of GE9B fuel into two batches.

Revision 3 revises Figure 3-9 to increase the Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) margin on several fuel assemblies and adds Reference 8 for the change.

Revision 3 of the COLR is provided in Enclosure 1. An information copy of Revision 2 of the COLR is provided in Enclosure 2.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: (See next page.)

Enclosures:

- 1. Unit 1 Cycle 17 Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), Rev. 3
- 2. Unit 1 Cycle 17 Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), Rev. 2

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