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Subject: Waterford 3 SES  
Docket No. 50-382  
License No. NPF-38  
Reporting of Licensee Event Report

Gentlemen:

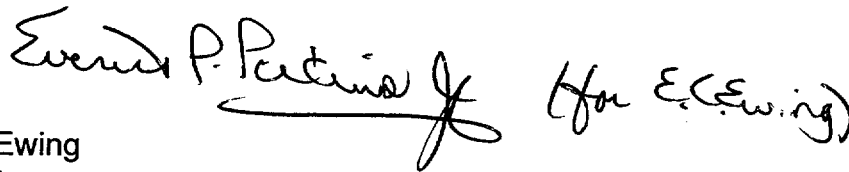
Attached is Licensee Event Report (LER) 99-016-00 for Waterford Steam Electric Station Unit 3. This report provides details of a fire protection sprinkler system condition that had the potential to affect both emergency diesel generators if a fire were to occur in the 'B' Diesel room. The condition was determined to be outside the design basis of the fire protection system. No actual fire event occurred, so there was no actual impact on the health and safety of the general public. Compensatory measures (continuous fire watches) were established immediately. This condition is being reported pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(ii)(B) as a condition that was outside the design basis of the plant.

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This letter contains no commitments. If you have any questions, please contact  
O.P. Pipkins at (504) 739-6707.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of E.C. Ewing, with the text "(for E.C. Ewing)" written to the right of the signature.

E.C. Ewing  
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