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**SUBJECT: EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, RE: SAFETY  
EVALUATION OF RELIEF REQUESTS FOR THE PUMP AND VALVE  
INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM (TAC NOS. MA6486 AND MA6487)**

Dear Mr. Sumner:

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Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366

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