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April 14, 2000

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-321/00-07 AND 50-366/00-07

Dear Mr. Sumner:

This refers to the inspection conducted on March 13-17, 2000. The inspection included a review of activities associated with compliance with the Hatch facility Physical Security Plan. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures, and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has identified two apparent violations of NRC requirements. The apparent violations are described in detail in the subject report, and will be dispositioned in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, in effect at the time of the inspection. This review remains pending; therefore, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our further review of this matter. No response regarding the apparent violations is required at this time.

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Sincerely,
/RA/
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Docket Nos. 50-321, 50-366
License Nos. DPR-57, NPF-5

Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT

NRC Inspection Report Nos. 50-321/00-07 and 50-366/00-07

This routine, announced inspection was conducted in the area of plant support by a regional Safeguards Inspector, with the assistance of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and NRC contractors. The specific area evaluated was the Physical Security Program for Power Reactors.

- Access control equipment and closed circuit television camera assessment met the requirements specified in the Physical Security Plan. [Section S2.9(1) and Section S2.9(3)]
- Performance tests revealed that select zones of the perimeter intrusion detection system did not meet Physical Security Plan commitments, and an apparent violation of Section 6.3.1 of the Physical Security Plan was identified. [Section 2.9(2)]
- The licensee failed to demonstrate adequate protective measures during a drill, and an apparent violation of Sections 2.0 and 9.2 of the Physical Security Plan was identified. [Section 2.9(4)]

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