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January 19, 2000

SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, WITHDRAWAL OF AN AMENDMENT
REQUEST, OSCILLATION POWER RANGE MONITOR (TAC NO. MA5478)

Dear Mr. Keiser:

By letter dated May 17, 1999, as supplemented November 16, 1999, you applied for an amendment to the Hope Creek Generating Station Operating License No. NPF-57. The proposed change would have modified the facility technical specifications associated with the enabling of the Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) reactor protection system (RPS) trip function. The OPRM is designed to detect the onset of reactor core power oscillations resulting from thermal-hydraulic instability and suppresses them by initiating a reactor scram via the RPS trip logic. Subsequently, by letter dated January 7, 2000, you withdrew the amendment request since you have decided to defer implementation of the OPRM trip function until the tenth refueling outage (currently scheduled to begin in October 2001). Your withdrawal letter states that you plan to resubmit the proposed changes to support the revised implementation schedule.

The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Richard B. Ennis, Project Manager, Section 2
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-354

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