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SUBJECT: WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 - RE: CLOSEOUT OF
GENERIC LETTER 97-06 (TAC NO. MA0959)

Dear Mr. Dugger:

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By letter dated March 30, 1998, you responded to GL 97-06 for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The NRC staff's review of your response did not identify any new concerns with the condition of the steam generator internals. The NRC staff did not identify any concerns with the inspection practices employed at your facility to detect degradation of steam generator internals. The staff, therefore, concludes that your response to GL 97-06 provides reasonable assurance that the condition of your steam generator internals is in compliance with the current licensing basis for your facility.

The detailed technical basis that supports the staff's determination for all facilities will be published in a NUREG report. The expected publication date is February 2000. This completes the staff's action on TAC No. MA0959.

Sincerely,

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