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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF THE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE FIRST INSERVICE
INSPECTION INTERVAL, WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3
(TAC NO. M98996)

Dear Mr. Dugger:

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Sincerely,

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