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Subject: Transmittal of Response to the External Peer Review of the Total-System Performance Assessment Version 3.2 Code (IM 20.01402.761.130)

Dear Mr. Firth:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit revision1 of the report CNWRA 2001-002, which was originally transmitted in September of 2001 to fulfill the fiscal year 2001 deliverable "Response to External Review Group Comments—Letter Report" (IM 20.01402.761.130). These revisions were made in response to a large number comments we received from you and other members of the NRC TSPA team who reviewed the original report. Most of the comments we received from you and your staff indicated that the original CNWRA report did not correctly or completely respond to many of the comments made by the external reviewers on the TPA Version 3.2 code. We believe that the new responses contained in the revision to the report provide a much clearer explanation of what we intend to do in future versions of the TPA code to accommodate those comments with which we agree, or, for those cases where we do not agree with the external reviewers' comments, why we disagree.

If you have any questions about the revised report, please direct them to me at (210) 522-5082.

Sincerely yours,



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