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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT 27 TO GESTAR II, NEDE-24011P,
"GENERAL ELECTRIC STANDARD APPLICATION FOR REACTOR FUEL"
(TAC NO. MC0347)

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