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**Subject: GE Licensing Topical Report, NEDE-33284P, Revision 0,
"Marathon-5S Control Rod Assembly," September 2006**

This letter submits GE Licensing Topical Report (LTR), NEDE-33284P, Revision 0, "Marathon-5S Control Rod Assembly" for US NRC review and approval. This LTR presents the Marathon-5S Control Rod Assembly, which incorporates certain incremental changes relative to the approved design, "GE Marathon Control Rod Assembly," NEDE-31758P-A, October 1991.

In accordance with Reference 1, GE requests that the review be completed within six months following the receipt of the report, resulting in a safety evaluation by the end of March 2007.

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Enclosure 1 is the proprietary version of Revision 2 and Enclosure 2 is a non-proprietary version. Enclosure 3 contains the affidavit.

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If you have any questions, please contact James Harrison at (910) 675-6604 or myself.

Sincerely,



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References:

1. Letter from H.N. Berkow (US NRC) to J.F. Klapproth (GE), *Implementation of a Revised Review Process for Topical Reports*, October 21, 2003.

Enclosures:

1. NEDE-33284P - GE Proprietary Information (Compact Disk)
2. NEDO-33284, - Non-Proprietary Information
3. Affidavit, dated September 27, 2006.

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Non-Proprietary Version

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