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SUBJECT: DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION FOR GE HITACHI NUCLEAR ENERGY
AMERICAS, LLC TOPICAL REPORT NEDE-33284P, SUPPLEMENT 1,
"MARATHON-ULTRA CONTROL ROD ASSEMBLY" (TAC NO. ME3524)

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated January 29, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Accession No. ML100331610), GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC (GEH) submitted Topical Report (TR) NEDE-33284P, Supplement 1, "Marathon-Ultra Control Rod Assembly," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review. Enclosed for GEH review and comment is a copy of the NRC staff's draft safety evaluation (SE) for the TR.

Pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), we believe that the enclosed draft SE may contain proprietary information. However, we have not marked the specific proprietary information and are providing you with the opportunity to comment on the proprietary aspects. If you believe that any information in the enclosure is proprietary, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390. Twenty working days are provided for you to comment on the proprietary aspects and any factual errors or clarity concerns contained in the SE. The final SE will be issued after making any necessary changes and a non-proprietary version will be made publicly available. The NRC staff's disposition of your comments on the draft SE will be discussed in the final SE. To facilitate the NRC staff's review of your comments, please provide a marked-up copy of the draft SE showing proposed changes and a summary table of the proposed changes.

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If you have any questions, please contact Steve Philpott at 301-415-2365.

Sincerely,

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