



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 20, 2018

Ms. Melissa Darden, Chairman  
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana  
P.O. Box 661  
Charenton, LA 70523

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF  
WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Sincerely,

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Environmental Review and NEPA Branch  
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