Appendix E

Mr. Charles A. Oravetz, Assistant Regional Administrator
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF INFORMAL CONSULTATION FOR LICENSE RENEWAL AT
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MA8330 AND
MA8332)

Dear Mr. Oravetz:

On August 31, 2000, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff submitted a
biological assessment to your office, initiating an informal consultation. The biological
assessment evaluated whether the proposed renewal of the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
(HNP), Units 1 and 2, operating licenses for a period of an additional 20 years would have
adverse effects on a listed species.

I request that you provide us with your best estimate for the completion of the informal
consultation. Discussions have been ongoing between the NRC staff and your staff. In the
meantime, the NRC staff is continuing the development of an environmental impact statement
for the renewal of the HNP licenses. Under the current schedule, the staff expects to complete
development of the final environmental impact statement in April and to issue it to the
Environmental Protection Agency in early June.

We will continue to work with your staff to resolve any concerns related to the proposed action.
If you have any questions, please contact Andy Kugler at (301) 415-2828.

Sincerely,
/RA/Signed By: CACarpenter
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