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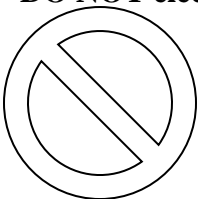
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**Re: RG 19 - 2016 NEW CONSTRUCTION BUDGET REPORT  
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Please address any correspondence on this matter to me, with copies to Jorge Moncayo, Financial Planning and Budget Manager, 503.226.4211, extension 5752, at the address stated above.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mark R. Thompson*

Mark R. Thompson  
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