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McHale & Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Dr. Thomas Keith Kirkpatrick, Thomas C. Wheelock, P.E., and P. Brad Woods P.E.**, have joined the company. **Tina L. Toburen** will manage the *Performance Monitoring Group*.

**Dr. Thomas Keith Kirkpatrick** will focus on marketing, business development, and program execution. He is a successful project manager with extensive performance testing experience. His thorough knowledge of performance test codes including ASME and CTI. He serves on ASME PTC 6.2 and PTC 46 code committees and is chair of the PTC 51 committee. His education includes a Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University (1999), an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University (1995), and a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University (1994).

**Thomas C. Wheelock, P.E.**, has joined the company as the Director of Testing Services. He is responsible for managing the performance testing group including operational, business development, and strategic initiatives in the group. Mr. Wheelock comes to McHale from Environmental Systems Corporation, Power Generation Technologies Division, where he was the Director of Performance Services. He has over 10 years of extensive project management, plant, component testing experience, and is an active member of ASME PTC 22 and PTC 46. A Registered Professional Engineer in Maine, Mr. Wheelock graduated with a B. S. in Power Engineering with a concentration in Nuclear Power from Maine Maritime Academy (1994).

**P. Brad Woods P.E.**, as the new Director of Engineering & Consulting, will focus on providing consulting services related to plant performance. He has more than 24 years of power experience with a background that includes engineering support for asset management, plant restart, plant modeling, and performance improvement. He comes to McHale from his position as Director of Engineering at AEP/Pro Serv where he managed an engineering staff of 50. Mr. Woods is a registered Professional Engineer in Maine, New Jersey, and Idaho. He has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, *High Distinction* from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1991), and graduated from the Navy Nuclear Power Program (1981).

**Tina L. Toburen** will manage the *McHale Performance Monitoring Group*. Ms. Toburen first joined McHale at its inception in 1995. Her focus is on marketing, business development, and technical support for McHale's performance monitoring system. She has over 10 years of extensive testing, modeling, monitoring and consulting experience. She has served as a test director, or test engineer on combined cycle, cogeneration, and coal fired projects. She has developed many of the models, calculations and DCS interface components for the Thermal Economic Monitoring and Performance Optimizer (TEMPO) software. Ms. Toburen has a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Washington (1994) and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Washington (1992). She is an active member of ASME PTC 51.

**McHale & Associates, Inc.** is a leading, specialized-engineering group formed in 1995 that provides cost-effective services for power plant performance.

McHale's principals and staff provide power plant performance services to Engineers, Constructors, EPC contractors, Independent Power Producers, Electric Utility, legal and other energy clients. McHale has provided services to more than 120 facilities with combined capacities in excess of 50,000 MW (sizes 6 MW to over 2,100 MW) within the last eight years. In addition to thermal performance audits, component testing and overall performance testing, McHale also

develops and installs computerized on-line plant performance monitoring systems and economic optimization packages.

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