

March 24, 2000

Michael A. Krupa, Director
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Dear Mr. Krupa:

In response to your letter dated February 22, 2000, requesting an exception to 10 CFR 50.4 (b)(6) that requires the Arkansas Nuclear One Units 1 and 2, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, River Bend Station and Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station, Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to be submitted in paper format, Entergy Operations Inc. (EOI) is hereby granted approval to submit updates to the FSAR for these facilities as follows:

Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 1 - Docket No. 50-313

The signed original, one paper copy, and four CD-ROM copies to the Document Control Desk, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, one CD-ROM copy to the appropriate Regional Administrator, and one paper copy to the Senior Resident Inspector pursuant to 10 CFR 50.4(c).

Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 2 - Docket No. 50-368

The signed original, one paper copy, and four CD-ROM copies to the Document Control Desk, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, one CD-ROM copy to the appropriate Regional Administrator, and one paper copy to the Senior Resident Inspector pursuant to 10 CFR 50.4(c).

Grand Gulf Nuclear Station - Docket No. 50-416

The signed original, one paper copy, and four CD-ROM copies to the Document Control Desk, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, one CD-ROM copy to the appropriate Regional Administrator, and one CD-ROM copy to the Senior Resident Inspector pursuant to 10 CFR 50.4(c).

River Bend Station - Docket No. 50-548

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Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station - Docket No. 50-382

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In your letter, you stated that EOI also desires to have the option to continue to send the copies in paper form, but at a reduced quantity. In this situation, EOI is hereby granted approval to submit the original and 7 paper copies of updates to the FSAR for these facilities as follows: the signed original and five paper copies to the Document Control Desk, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, one paper copy to the appropriate Regional Administrator, and one paper copy to the senior Resident Inspector pursuant to 10 CFR 50.4(c). When paper submittals are replaced by CD-ROM, an entire complete updated FSAR must be submitted, rather than only the updated sections.

As you are aware, the NRC is promoting Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) and is preparing a rulemaking that will modify the document submittal requirements for licensees subject to Title 10 CFR Part 50 to permit voluntary electronic submittal. NRC anticipates issuing the rule in December 2000. The guidance contained in the rule will supersede this exception and will permit licensees to submit documents electronically without prior NRC approval.

The NRC reserves the right to modify or rescind this exception upon written notification. Please contact Keith R. Shaw of my staff if you have any questions or require additional information. Mr. Shaw may be reached at (301) 415-3801 or e-mail krs@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Brenda J. Shelton, Chief
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