

April 12, 2001

Mr. Craig G. Anderson
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SUBJECT: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1 - SCHEDULE FOR ISSUANCE OF
AMENDMENT FOR IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
(TAC NO. MA8082)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

By application dated January 28, 2000, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy), submitted a request to convert the current Technical Specifications (TSs) for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1) to improved TSs (ITS) based on the content and format of NUREG-1430, "Standard Technical Specifications, Babcock and Wilcox Plants." The January 28, 2000, application projected implementation of the conversion to the ITS in the third quarter of 2001. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and Entergy staff subsequently developed a schedule for the NRC's review of the ANO-1 ITS conversion that included an issuance date of June 29, 2001.

As recently discussed between Mr. Craig Harbuck of the NRC staff and Mr. Dale James of Entergy, delays in several steps of the amendment process have extended the projected date for the staff's issuance of the ANO-1 ITS conversion amendment. Because of the delays, we are now projecting that we will issue the ANO-1 ITS amendment on September 28, 2001. This schedule is intended to support your revised plans to implement the conversion in early 2002.

If you have any questions regarding the above schedule, please call me at (301) 415-1323.

Sincerely,

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