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Sincerely,

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RAI 3.6.2.2-N-08

10 CFR 54.4 (a)(3) requires, in part, that all systems, structures, and components (SSCs) relied on in safety analyses or plant evaluation to perform a function that demonstrates compliance with the Commission's regulations for station blackout (10 CFR 50.63) are within the scope of license renewal. Vernon Hydroelectric Station has been designated as the station blackout (SBO) alternate alternating current source and is used to meet SBO requirements of 10 CFR 50.63. Are all SSCs (including electrical, mechanical, structural, and civil) associated with the Vernon Hydroelectric Station included in the scope of license renewal? If they are not, please explain why not. If they are, please provide an aging management review for long-lived, passive SSCs associated with the hydroelectric station.

RAI 3.6.2.2-N-01

In the license renewal application (LRA) Table 3.6.2-1, under cable connections (metallic parts), you have stated that there are no aging effects requiring management and no aging management program (AMP) is required. Further, in LRA Table 3.6-1, under discussion of cable connection metallic parts, you have stated that cable connections outside of active devices are taped or sleeved for protection; and operating experience with metallic parts of electrical cable connections at VYNPS indicated no aging effects requiring management. Electrical cable connections (metallic parts) are subject to the following aging stressors: thermal cycling, ohmic heating, electrical transients, vibration, chemical contamination, corrosion, and oxidation. NUREG-1801, Revision 1, AMP XI.E6, "Electrical Cable Connection not Subject to 10 CFR 50.49 Environmental Qualification Requirements," specifies that connections associated with cables within the scope of license renewal are part of this program, regardless of their association with active or passive components. Please provide a basis document including an AMP with the ten elements for cable connections or provide a justification for why an AMP is not necessary.

Enclosure