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**Subject:** Acceptance Review of River Bend Station License Amendment Request Regarding Technical Specification (TS) 3.3.6.1 (TAC No. ME6843)

Barry and Joey,

By letter dated July 27, 2011, as supplemented by letter dated September 16, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML11214A093 and ML11263A013), Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy, the licensee) requested an amendment to the Facility Operating License for the River Bend Station, Unit 1 (RBS). The proposed license amendment request (LAR) will change TS 3.3.6.1, "Primary Containment and Drywell Isolation Instrumentation" to revise the TS allowable value setpoints for the Main Steam Tunnel Temperature functions 1.e, 3.f, and 4.h.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant. By letter dated September 1, 2011, the NRC staff sent an insufficient information letter regarding the setpoint methodology used to determine the new allowable values. [Entergy responded to this request by letter dated September 16, 2011.](#)

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and the supplemental information and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1445.

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