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RidsNrrPMWaterford Resource; Giebel, Stephen; Longmire, Pamela; Lent,
Susan; Burkhardt, Janet; STEELMAN, WILLIAM J; CLARK, ROBERT W
Subject: Result of the Acceptance Review of the Entergy Operations Inc. Fleet License
Amendment Request

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2012

TO: BRYAN FORD

SUBJECT: WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 – ACCEPTANCE OF
REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO THE ENTERGY QUALITY ASSURANCE
PROGRAM MANUAL (QAPM) AND ASSOCIATED PLANT TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATIONS REGARDING STAFF QUALIFICATIONS (TAC NOS.
ME7774, ME7775, ME7776, ME7777, ME7778, ME7779, ME7780, ME7781,
ME7782, ME7783, ME7784, ME7785, AND ME7786)

ME7774, ARKANSAS NUCLEAR 1 - Docket No. 50-313

ME7775, ARKANSAS NUCLEAR 2 - Docket Nos. 50-368 and 72-13

ME7776, BIG ROCK POINT - Docket Nos. 50-155 and 72-43

ME7777, FITZPATRICK - Docket Nos. 50-333 and 72-12

ME7778, GRAND GULF 1 - Docket Nos. 50-416 and 72-50

ME7779, INDIAN POINT 1 - Docket No. 50-003

ME7780, INDIAN POINT 2 - Docket No. 50-247

ME7781, INDIAN POINT 3 - Docket Nos. 50-286 and 72-51

ME7782, PALISADES - Docket Nos. 50-255 and 72-7

ME7783, PILGRIM 1 – Docket No. 50-293

ME7784, RIVER BEND 1 - Docket Nos. 50-458 and 72-49

ME7785, VERMONT YANKEE - Docket Nos. 50-271 and 72-59

ME7786, WATERFORD 3 - Docket No. 50-382 and 72-75

By letter dated December 13, 2011, Entergy Operations Inc. submitted a license amendment request for the above subject plants. The proposed amendment requests approval of proposed changes to the Quality Assurance Program Manual (QAPM) and Technical Specifications (TS) for the above subject plants. The proposed changes standardize unit staff qualification requirements for the Entergy fleet.

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.

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 NRC staff has reviewed your application 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 the undersigned, at (301) 415-1480.

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