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IN REPLY REFER TO:
2014-I-0165

Mr. David Wrona
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Wrona:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information in your letter dated December 11, 2013, regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) proposed license renewal of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), Unit 1, in Claiborne County, Mississippi. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

NRC is proposing to renew the GGNS operating license for an additional 20 years of operation, beginning in 2024. NRC has conducted a biological assessment and concluded that continued operation of the GGNS during the license renewal term "may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect" the Louisiana black bear, bayou darter, and pallid sturgeon, and will have "no effect" on the wood stork, red cockaded woodpecker, least tern, and rabbitsfoot mussel.

Based on this information, the Service concurs with your "effects determination" regarding federally listed species in Mississippi. No further consultation under the ESA is required with this office unless there are changes in the scope or location of the proposed project.

If you have any questions, please contact David Felder of our office, telephone: (601) 321-1131.

Sincerely,

for Stephen M. Ricks
Field Supervisor
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