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Mr. Kevin Walsh, Site Vice President
c/o Michael Ossing
Seabrook Station
NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC
P.O. Box 300
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SUBJECT: SEABROOK STATION, UNIT 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING
ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR RELIEF 3IR-6 (TAC NO. MF3674)

Dear Mr. Walsh:

By letter dated March 24, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14086A017), NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (NextEra or the licensee) requested relief from the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code), Section XI, for pressure testing the reactor vessel head flange seal leak detection piping at Seabrook Station, Unit 1 (Seabrook), for the duration of the third 10-year inservice inspection interval.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(a)(3)(i) and 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the licensee shall demonstrate that the proposed alternative would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii), the licensee requested to use an alternative to the system leakage test than what is required in ASME Code, Section XI, Table IWC-2500-1, Examination Category C-H.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this relief 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.

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 relief request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the NRC staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3100 or via e-mail at John.Lamb@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Lamb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John G. Lamb, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch I-2
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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