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Mr. Miksa and Mr. Erickson,

By letter dated May 22, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15147A613), Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee) submitted a request for relief (RR 4-21) from 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F) for performance of required baseline volumetric examinations of eight cold leg welds and one hot leg weld. The subject request is to resolve a discrepancy found in a previously submitted request for relief (RR 4-18) dated February 25, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14056A533). The NRC authorized RR 4-18 and documented the technical basis for the authorization by letter dated September 4, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14223B226).

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

Pursuant to 50.55a(z)(2) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the applicant shall demonstrate 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.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed request for relief in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1530.

Thanks,
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