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September 14, 2015

Mr. Eric McCartney  
Site Vice President  
NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC  
6610 Nuclear Road  
Two Rivers, WI 54241

SUBJECT: POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF  
REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: STAFF AUGMENTATION TIMES  
(TAC NOS. MF6352 AND MF6353)

Dear Mr. McCartney:

By letter dated June 12, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15166A042), NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC (NextEra, the licensee) submitted a license amendment for Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP), Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendment would revise the PBNP Emergency Plan, to increase the staff augmentation times for Emergency Response Organization (ERO) response functions.

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 emergency plans) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.54(q) of 10 CFR addresses the content of information required. This section stipulates that the submittal must include all emergency plan pages affected by that change and must be accompanied by a forwarding letter identifying the change, the reason for the change, and the basis for concluding that the licensee's emergency plan, as revised, will continue to meet the requirements in Appendix E to this part and, for nuclear power reactor licensees, the planning standards of § 50.47(b).

During the acceptance review of the application, the NRC staff determined that sufficient information was not provided in the application. On July 28, 2015, the NRC staff's review comments were provided to the licensee via an email (ADAMS Accession No. ML15210A119). A teleconference was held between the NRC staff and NextEra representatives on July 31, 2015 to discuss the required information to supplement the application. On August 11, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15223B277), the licensee requested an extension beyond 13 days due to other ongoing activities at the PBNP, Units 1 and 2, and the limiting availability of the personnel directly involved in preparation of the supplemental information. The supplemental information was submitted by the licensee on (ADAMS Accession No. ML15240A017).

The NRC staff reviewed your application and the supplemental information provided, 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 amendment 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. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chawla", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mahesh Chawla, Project Manager  
Plant Licensing Branch 3-1  
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing  
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