

June 14, 2016

Mr. Bryan S. Ford
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION FOR
RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 3

Dear Mr. Ford:

By letter dated September 25, 2008, Entergy, Operations, Inc., (EOI), submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for a single unit of the Economic Simplified Boiling-Water Reactor (ESBWR). This reactor would be identified as River Bend Station, Unit 3 (RBS3) and located at the current River Bend Nuclear Station (GGNS) site near St. Francisville, Louisiana in West Feliciana Parish. The COL application was accepted for docketing on December 4, 2008 (Docket Number 52-036) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML083370275). By letter dated January 9, 2009, EOI requested that the NRC temporarily suspend the COL application review, including any supporting reviews by external agencies, until further notice (ADAMS Accession No. ML090130174). The NRC granted the suspension request (ADAMS Accession No. ML090080277). By letter dated December 4, 2015, EOI requested the NRC to withdraw the RBS3 COL application from the docket (ADAMS Accession No. ML15338A298). The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge your December 4, 2015, letter and provide you our response.

In accordance with the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, Section 2.107(a), and on the basis of the statements contained therein, your request to withdraw the RBS3 COL application from the docket is acceptable to the NRC. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the *Federal Register* notice announcing the withdrawal of the application from the docket as required by 10 CFR 2.107(c). The staff communicated with Guy Davant of your staff, notifying him that the NRC staff would need to spend a few hours to administratively close out the application. Mr. Davant stated that EOI agrees to pay associated fees as long as the charges are reasonable.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-4093 or via e-mail at Adrian.Muniz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Adrian Muñoz, Project Manager
Licensing Branch 3
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Office of New Reactors

Docket No. 52-036

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