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Mr. Eric McCartney  
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SUBJECT: POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 – WITHDRAWAL OF  
REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST  
SUBMITTED TO NRC TO MODIFY SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT 3.4.12.7  
(CAC NOS. MF7440 AND MF7441)

Dear Mr. McCartney:

By letter dated March 10, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16070A118), NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC (NextEra) (the licensee) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) Units 1 and 2. The proposed LAR 282 would modify the wording of Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.4.12.7 associated with the Power-operated Relief Valves, by replacing the words "gas bottles" with the word "supply." In its application, the licensee characterized the proposed technical specification (TS) change as non-technical.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this LAR. 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 the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

On April 28, 2016, NRC staff provided the results of the acceptance review via an email (ADAMS Accession No. ML16119A373). The NRC staff reviewed your application and concluded that the proposed change is *not editorial* and the information delineated in the enclosure to this letter is necessary to enable the NRC staff to make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment request, in terms of regulatory requirements, and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. The NRC staff requested a teleconference with the licensee to discuss the requested supplemental information.

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By letter dated May 10, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16131A794), you requested to withdraw the application from NRC review. The NRC acknowledges your request to withdraw the application. All NRC staff activities on the review have ceased and the associated Cost Activity Code numbers have been closed.

The NRC staff notes that its review to date has identified that your application did not provide the requested technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to complete its detailed review. Therefore, if you decide to re-submit the request, it must include the information requested in the attached enclosure.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8371 or [Mahesh.Chawla@nrc.gov](mailto:Mahesh.Chawla@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,



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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301

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REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-266 AND 50-301

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.36(c)(3), surveillance requirements (SRs) are requirements relating to test, calibration, or inspection to assure that the necessary quality of systems and components is maintained, that facility operation will be within safety limits, and that the limiting conditions for operation will be met.

The licensee stated in Section 2.0 of its application, dated March 10, 2016:

The proposed change to SR 3.4.12.7 would apply to the current configuration where the nitrogen gas supply is provided by bottles. Similarly, the revised SR would apply if NextEra implements a future design change that replaces the nitrogen gas bottles with accumulators or another type of appropriate container.

In its application, the licensee characterized the proposed technical specification (TS) change as non-technical. However, in October 2015, the licensee brought to the attention of NRC staff the need for this TS change due to a planned plant modification. The modification is a commitment tied to a separate application (dated June 26, 2013, and currently under NRC review) requesting to transition Point Beach to 10 CFR 50.48(c), "National Fire Protection Association Standard NFPA 805."

Essentially, the proposed TS change is linked to a technical change. It is not merely editorial. An application to revise a TS related to a design change must include adequate design information and technical justification. For that reason, NRC staff will need more information than was provided to properly evaluate whether SR 3.4.12.7 will continue to meet 10 CFR 50.36(c)(3) for the new nitrogen supply design. Please provide sufficient detail and technical justification of the related design change for the TS change.

The nitrogen supply design will be reviewed using Section 9.3.1, "Compressed Air System" of the Standard Review Plan (SRP). Describe how the new nitrogen supply will continue to meet all regulatory requirements (e.g., General Design Criteria 1, 2, and 5) identified within SRP 9.3.1. Also, provide a system description and simplified system diagram or P&IDs to identify differences in the current and proposed nitrogen supply system.

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