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**SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION – ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSE TO NRC  
BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000458/2018012 AND DENIAL OF  
NON-CITED VIOLATIONS**

Dear Mr. Maguire:

This letter acknowledges your August 23, 2018, (ML18235A636) correspondence in response to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Inspection Report 05000458/2018012, (ML18194A413) dated July 18, 2018. This NRC Inspection Report documented two non-cited violations (NCVs) that were the subject of your response: (1) 05000458/2018012-05, Green NCV of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, "Instructions, Procedures and Drawing" (Example 2 portion only) for "Failure to Develop an Adequate Operational Decision-Making Issue for Compensatory Measures Related to a Degraded Condition of the Feedwater System Sparger Nozzles", and (2) 05000458/2018012-07, Severity Level IV NCV of 10 CFR 50.59, "Changes, tests and experiments," for "Failure to Perform 10 CFR 50.59 Evaluation for Main Feedwater System Sparger Nozzle Damage". The NCVs enclosed with Inspection Report 05000458/2018012 required you to respond in writing within 30 days if you contested the violations. On August 14, 2018, you received an extension of the 30 days from the NRC to August 24, 2018.

On August 23, 2018, the NRC received a letter from you contesting these two NCVs. The NRC is currently reviewing your basis for contesting the violations in accordance with Part I, Section 2.2.7 of the Enforcement Manual. Accordingly, we will provide the results of our evaluation by written response within 90 days of the receipt of your letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room and in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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Division of Reactor Projects

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