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Docket No. 50-458
License No. NPF-47
License Amendment Request (LAR) 96-048, Deviation Request,
Fire Area C-16

File Nos.: G9.5, G9.42

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RBEXEC-96-161
RBF1-96-0387

Gentlemen:

Entergy Operations, Inc., (EOI) hereby submits for NRC review and approval License Amendment Request (LAR) 96-048. LAR 96-048 requests a single deviation from our approved fire protection program in accordance with the change process described in Attachment 4 to the River Bend Operating License. This deviation involves the use of a partial area automatic suppression system in lieu of a full area suppression system in fire area C-16. Enclosure 1 is an affidavit supporting the facts set forth in this submittal. Enclosure 2 provides the basis and justification for the requested deviation.

As discussed in Enclosure 2, the proposed design provides an acceptable level of protection to assure that there will be no adverse impact on the ability to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire in fire area C-16.

This request has been reviewed and approved by the RBS Facility Review Committee and the Nuclear Review Board.

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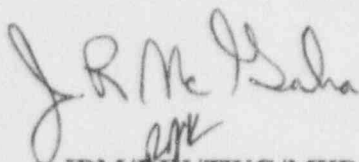
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If you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information, please contact Tim Gates at (504) 381-4866.

Sincerely,

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JRM/RJK/TWG/MKB
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