

From: Kalathiveettil, Dawnmathews
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:57 PM
To: Enfinger, Timothy Lee
Cc: Joyce, Ryan M.; Markley, Michael; Lamb, John
Subject: Acceptance Review - Hatch TSTF-208 LAR (L-2022-LLA-0045)

Good afternoon Tim,

By letter dated March 25, 2022 (Agencywide Documents and Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML22087A169), Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC, the licensee) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendments would eliminate the Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.0.3 requirement to be in Mode 2 within an allowable time limit based on the approved Technical Specifications (TS) Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-208, Revision 0, "Extension of Time to Reach Mode 2 in LCO 3.0.3." The amendment request maintained the LCO 3.0.3 requirement to be in Mode 3 within 13 hours. In addition, SNC requested an administrative change for deletion of a duplicate TS 3.4.10, on TS Page 3.4-25 of each unit's TS.

By letter dated April 29, 2022 (ADAMS Accession No. ML22111A086), the NRC informed SNC of the need for supplemental information for acceptance of the requested licensing action. By letter dated May 17, 2022 (ADAMS Accession No. ML22137A001), SNC responded with supplemental information.

The purpose of this e-mail 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 application for an amendment to a 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.

The NRC staff has reviewed your LAR 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. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your original submittal and supplement, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 240 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review on May 18, 2023. If there are emergent complexities or

challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, and review by NRC advisory committees or hearing-related activities. Additional delay may occur if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance or in parallel with industry program initiatives or pilot applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Best Regards,

Dawnmathews T. Kalathiveetttil

Project Manager

Plant Licensing Branch (LPL 2-1)

Division of Operating Reactor Licensing - O8 C02

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Office Phone: 301-415-5905

Email: Dawnmathews.Kalathiveetttil@nrc.gov

Hearing Identifier: NRR_DRMA
Email Number: 1640

Mail Envelope Properties (BY5PR09MB566656EC8EFBB1BF3706389A97D19)

Subject: Acceptance Review - Hatch TSTF-208 LAR (L-2022-LLA-0045)
Sent Date: 5/18/2022 12:56:33 PM
Received Date: 5/18/2022 12:56:00 PM
From: Kalathiveetil, Dawnmathews

Created By: Dawnmathews.Kalathiveetil@nrc.gov

Recipients:

"Joyce, Ryan M." <RMJOYCE@southernco.com>

Tracking Status: None

"Markley, Michael" <Michael.Markley@nrc.gov>

Tracking Status: None

"Lamb, John" <John.Lamb@nrc.gov>

Tracking Status: None

"Enfinger, Timothy Lee" <TLENFING@SOUTHERNCO.COM>

Tracking Status: None

Post Office: BY5PR09MB5666.namprd09.prod.outlook.com

Files	Size	Date & Time
MESSAGE	4361	5/18/2022 12:56:00 PM

Options

Priority: Normal

Return Notification: No

Reply Requested: No

Sensitivity: Normal

Expiration Date: