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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR THE ENTERGY APPLICATION FOR A  
COMBINED LICENSE FOR GRAND GULF UNIT 3

Dear Mr. Hughey:

By letter dated August 9, 2007, NuStart Energy (Entergy), in response to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Regulatory Information Summary 2007-08, informed the NRC that it, in conjunction with Entergy identified as the applicant, intends to submit a combined license (COL) application for Grand Gulf Unit 3 no later than February 2008. Consistent with the guidance contained in the recently issued RIS 2008-01, the NRC has developed an acceptance review schedule for the Grand Gulf Unit 3 COL application.

This letter informs you of the NRC schedule milestones for the staff's acceptance review of the Grand Gulf Unit 3 COL application. Based upon your recent verbal confirmation that Entergy intends to submit the application by February 27, 2008, the staff will begin its acceptance review on March 3, 2008. The acceptance review will be performed in accordance with the latest revision of the Office of New Reactors (NRO) Office Instruction NRO-REG-100, "Acceptance Review Process for Design Certification and Combined License Applications." The staff plans to complete its acceptance review no later than May 5, 2008. If the staff finds the application acceptable for docketing, a docket number will be established for your application. During the acceptance review process the NRC expects that there may be a need for interaction with the applicant to obtain clarifications or additional information on the application. These interactions will be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at 301-415-1365 or [ERO1@nrc.gov](mailto:ERO1@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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