

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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January 16, 2013

Mr. Paul Freeman Site Vice President NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC P.O. Box 300 Seabrook, NH 03874

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE REVISION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE

SEABROOK STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (TAC NO. ME3959)

Dear Mr. Freeman:

By letter dated May 25, 2010, NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (NextEra), submitted an application to renew the operating license for Seabrook Station, Unit 1 (Seabrook) for an additional 20 years. In support of the application and in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51 and 10 CFR Part 54, NextEra also submitted an environmental report for Seabrook. In August 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) issued its draft plant-specific Supplement 46 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS)," supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) regarding the environmental impacts of renewing the Seabrook operating license for an additional 20 years.

Subsequent to the issuance of the draft SEIS, by letter dated March 19, 2012, NextEra notified the NRC of significant changes that it made to the severe accident mitigation alternatives analysis (SAMA) related to the Seabrook license renewal application. On May 31, 2012, the staff provided a revised environmental review schedule for revising and reissuing the draft SEIS related to the Seabrook license renewal application.

At this point in time, the staff has determined that a revised environmental schedule is needed. The staff, again, took several factors into consideration, including additional staff resources necessary to complete the review of the SAMA submittal, other ongoing environmental reviews, as well as the need to issue a supplement to the Seabrook license renewal draft SEIS.

The NRC will continue to follow established review procedures and the enclosed environmental review schedule to complete the reviews required by 10 CFR Part 51. If you have any questions on this revised schedule, please contact the NRC's Environmental Project Manager, Ms. Lois James, at 301-415-3306 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:lois.james@nrc.gov">lois.james@nrc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

John W Lubinski, Director Division of License Renewal

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-443

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Revised Schedule

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# SEABROOK STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE

Milestone	Scheduled	Actual
Receive license renewal application (LRA)		6/01/10
Publish Federal Register Notice (FRN) – LRA availability		6/16/10
Publish FRN – acceptance/rejection and opportunity for hearing		7/21/10
Publish FRN – Intent to conduct Environmental Scoping		7/10/10
Public Meeting – License Renewal Overview and Environmental Scoping Meeting		8/19/10
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	9/20/10	10/20/10
Environmental scoping period ends	9/21/10	9/21/10
Audit – Environmental	10/04/10	10/05/10
Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)	8/2011	8/01/11
Publish FRN – draft SEIS available for comments		8/12/11
Public Meeting - draft SEIS meeting	9/2011	9/15/11
End of draft SEIS comment period		10/26/11
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open items	6/2012	6/08/12
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee Meeting	7/2012	7/10/12
Issue draft supplement to the Seabrook draft SEIS	4/2013	
Publish FRN – draft supplement to the Seabrook draft SEIS available for comments.	4/2013	
Issue Final SER	TBD	
ACRS Full Committee Meeting	TBD	
End of comment period on the draft supplement to the Seabrook draft SEIS	6/2013	
Issue final SEIS	12/2013	

Letter to P. Freeman from J. Lubinski dated December XX, 2012

SUBJECT:

SCHEDULE REVISION FOR THE SAFETY REVIEW OF THE SOUTH TEXAS

PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

(TAC NOS. ME4936 AND ME4937)

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