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

SUBJECT:

SCHEDULE REVISION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFEY REVIEW OF

THE SEABROOK STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

(TAC NOS. ME3959 AND ME4028)

Dear Mr. Walsh:

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. This letter is to inform you of a change in the environmental and safety review schedule for the Seabrook license renewal review.

Regarding the environmental review, in August 2013, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, NextEra, Friends of the Coast and the New England Coalition reached a settlement agreement regarding resolution of Contention 4D associated with the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS). As a result of this agreement NRC staff requires additional time to complete its analysis for inclusion in the final SEIS.

The safety review schedule is being revised because the NRC staff is including a second Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee meeting to discuss the NRC staff's review of the Seabrook revised plant-specific Alkali-Silica Reaction Monitoring Program which NextEra supplemented by letter dated September 13, 2013.

Enclosed is the NRC staff's revised environmental and safety review schedule for the Seabrook license renewal application. The schedule has been updated to reflect a change in the date of issuance for the final SEIS and the addition of an ACRS subcommittee meeting.

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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="lois.james@nrc.gov">lois.james@nrc.gov</a> or the safety project manager, at 301-415-1427 or by e-mail at <a href="Richard.Plasse@nrc.gov">Richard.Plasse@nrc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

John W. Lubinski, Director Division of License Renewal

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-443

Enclosure:

Revised Seabrook Station Review Schedule

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## SEABROOK STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION UPDATED REVIEW SCHEDULE

Milestone	Scheduled	Actual
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	6/01/10	6/01/10
Publish Federal Register notice (FRN) – LRA availability	6/14/10	6/16/10
Publish FRN – acceptance/rejection and opportunity for hearing	7/23/10	7/21/10
Publish FRN – intent to conduct environmental scoping	7/23/10	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	8/2011	8/12/11
Public Meeting – draft SEIS meeting	9/2011	9/15/11
End of draft SEIS comment period	11/2011	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 Station (Seabrook) draft SEIS	4/2013	4/2013
Publish FRN – draft supplement to the Seabrook draft SEIS available for comments.	4/2013	4/2013
Proposed Second ACRS Subcommittee Meeting	TBD	
Issue Final SER	TBD	
ACRS Full Committee Meeting	TBD	
End of comment period on the draft supplement to the Seabrook draft SEIS	6/2013	6/2013
Issue final SEIS	7/2014	
Decision – Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation	TBD	
Commission decision	TBD	