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Subject: Entergy Operations, Inc.  
Request for Exception to 10 CFR 50.4 for Updates  
to the Final Safety Analysis Report

Arkansas Nuclear One – Units 1 & 2  
Docket Nos. 50-313 & 50-368  
License Nos. DPR-51 & NPF-6

Grand Gulf Nuclear Station  
Docket No. 50-416  
License No. NPF-29

River Bend Station  
Docket No. 50-458  
License No. NPF-47

Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station  
Docket No. 50-382  
License No. NPF-38

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Dear Ms. Shelton:

Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) periodically submits revisions to Updated Final Safety Analysis Reports (UFSARs) for our licensed facilities pursuant to 10 CFR 50.71(e) and in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4(b)(6). The updated UFSAR copies have been provided in paper form as required by 10 CFR 50.4(c). However, 10 CFR 50.4(c) also allows the NRC to grant exceptions to these requirements. By this letter, EOI is requesting approval of an Exception Request to permit future updates to the UFSARs to be submitted in CD-ROM format in lieu of paper copies. EOI also requests exception to the requirement to provide a total of twelve copies as directed by 10 CFR 50.4(b)(6). The EOI licensed facilities included in this request are: Arkansas Nuclear One – Units 1 and 2; Grand Gulf Nuclear Station; River Bend Station; and Waterford Steam Electric Station – Unit 3.

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10 CFR 50.4(b)(6) currently requires the signed original and 10 copies of the updated Final Safety Analysis Report to be submitted to the NRC Document Control Desk, one copy to the appropriate Regional Office and one copy to the NRC Resident Inspector. 10 CFR 50.4(c) requires all copies to be in permanent form on unglazed paper. It is Entergy's intent to continue to provide the signed original to the NRC Document Control Desk and to substitute paper copies with CD-ROMs. EOI also desires to have the option to continue to send the copies in paper form, but also at a reduced quantity.

Therefore, EOI requests the following submittal alternative be approved.

An updated Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) for each of the EOI licensed facilities will be submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.71(e) as follows:

- i. One signed original to the Document Control Desk, USNRC.
- ii. Five CD-ROMs or five paper copies to the Document Control Desk, USNRC.
- iii. One CD-ROM or paper copy to the Regional Administrator.
- iv. One CD-ROM or paper copy to the Senior Resident Inspector.

This alternative is requested as an exception to the form of communications addressed by 10 CFR 50.4(c) and as an exception to the distribution requirements of 10 CFR 50.4(b)(6).

We intend to submit the CD-ROM copies as complete reissues to the UFSARs (i.e., the UFSAR will include the previous pages still applicable and the updated replacement pages). The UFSAR files on the CD-ROMs will be in the PDF file format, which can be read by utilizing the Adobe Acrobat Reader software program.

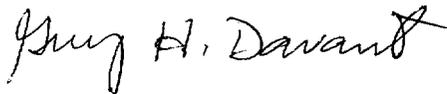
The CD-ROMs do not contain any Entergy or third party copyright restrictions that would prohibit the NRC from making and providing copies of the CD-ROMs to members of the public.

This request is similar to a previously docketed request submitted by Florida Power Corporation dated May 21, 1998 which was approved by the NRC via letter dated June 19, 1998 and a request by Tennessee Valley Authority dated October 1, 1999 which was approved by letter dated October 14, 1999.

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This exception request is needed to accommodate the next Grand Gulf Nuclear Station UFSAR update which is due June 7, 2000. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Ron Byrd at (601) 368-5792.

Yours truly,



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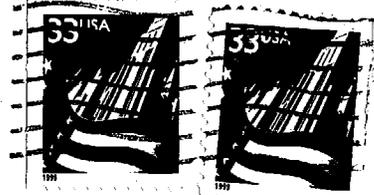
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