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**SUBJECT: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1 - NRC STAFF REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR THE ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC. REQUEST FOR CONVERSION TO IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (TAC NO. MA8082)**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

By letter dated January 28, 2000 (1CAN010007), Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) submitted a request to convert from the current technical specifications (CTS) for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1) to the improved technical specifications (ITS). The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has developed a schedule to document the detailed review of your ITS conversion request. The enclosed table summarizes the staff's review schedule. This schedule will be used as a tool to track progress and communicate mutual expectations during the review process. As such, this schedule will be revised periodically to reflect actual performance. A revision to the schedule will be issued formally to reflect major changes in the actual status of the review or to communicate a slippage in any milestone assigned to either the NRC staff or Entergy.

Our ability to meet this schedule depends upon, among other things, your prompt and effective resolution of any items identified during the staff's review. In order to effectively and efficiently communicate unresolved items, the NRC staff intends to follow the Request for Additional Information (RAI) process outlined in Office Letter No. 803, Revision 3, "License Amendment Review Procedures," Section 4.3, "Requests for Additional Information." The staff will group RAIs by the respective ITS conversion section. The grouped RAIs will be transmitted to you in draft form and made available to the public at that time. The formal RAI will be issued approximately one month after the draft RAIs are transmitted. The time period between the draft and formal request will allow your staff the opportunity to clarify the NRC staff's intentions regarding the RAI to facilitate the development of a response. Any meetings held to clarify or resolve the staff's concerns would be open to the public.

The enclosed schedule provides key milestones established for the review of your request. For example, the NRC staff will issue all of the draft RAIs for this review on or before September 29, 2000. It is likely that the RAIs for many of the review sections will be issued well in advance of the September 29, 2000, due date. At this point in the process, your staff will have the opportunity to review the RAI and establish a due date for the response. Based on the enclosed schedule, all response dates will be on or before December 29, 2000.

The NRC staff has established a due date of January 15, 2001, for your input regarding the safety evaluation (SE) tables as discussed in the the NRC's initial screening letter dated April 20, 2000. It is the NRC staff's expectation that these tables will be submitted as they are available, by ITS review section.

A draft SE will be prepared by March 30, 2001. The schedule provides your staff the opportunity to review and comment on the SE for a period of 30 days. Issuance of the amendment with the final SE is scheduled for June 29, 2001, which is consistent with the staff's understanding of your implementation plans as expressed in your January 28, 2000, submittal.

Please review the enclosed schedule and provide comments as appropriate. The NRC staff will assume your acceptance of the milestones assigned to Entergy if verbal comments are not received within 10 days of the issuance of this letter. Assuming no comments are received, the enclosed schedule will be treated as revision 0. If you have any questions about this letter or about the staff's review of your submittal, please contact Chris Nolan at (301) 415-1320.

Sincerely,

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**Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 ITS Schedule (TAC# MA8082)**

Section	Reviewer /Support	NRC Issue of Draft RAI's	NRC Issue of Final RAI's	Licensee RAI Response	Licensee SE Tables	Resolution of Open Items	Draft SE Issued	Licensee Draft SE Comments	Amendment Issued Dare
1.0 Use/Application	T. LIU	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
2.0 Safety Limits	T. TJADER	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.0 LCO/SR Appl	A. CHU	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.1 Reactivity Cntl	T. TJADER	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.2 Power Distribution	T. TJADER	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.3 Instrumentation	J. FOSTER LLNL	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.4 RCS	J. FOSTER INEEL	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.5 ECCS	T. LIU	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.6 Containment	R. GIARDINA	05/05/00	7/07/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.7 Plant Systems	C. HARBUCK INEEL	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.8 Electrical	E. TOMLINSON INEEL	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
3.8.1 Shutdown Electrical	E. TOMLINSON INEEL	4/19/00C	4/24/00C	8/21/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/00
3.9 Refueling	T. TJADER INEEL	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
4.0 Design Features	A. CHU	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/01
5.0 Admin. Controls	A. CHU	9/29/00	10/27/00	12/29/00	01/15/01	2/2/01	3/30/01	4/30/01	6/29/0