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Subject: River Bend Station
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License No. NPF-47
Additional Information Related to License Amendment
Request (LAR) 99-15, Regarding Fluence Determination

File No.: G9.5, G9.4.2

Reference: 1) Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) Letter to NRC Withdrawing a
Requested License Amendment, RBG-45277, dated March 2, 2000
2) NRC letter to EOI, RBC-49186, dated March 23, 2000 (TAC NO.
MA7008), Acknowledging Amendment Withdrawal Receipt

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the reference (1) letter, EOI withdrew a request to defer the scheduled reactor vessel surveillance capsule withdrawal from refueling outage 9 until refueling outage 10. The reference (1) letter also identified a potential future request for an extension to the test results submittal time frame as allowed by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H.

In the reference (2) letter, the NRC staff recommended that consideration be given to the potential impact that an extension to the test results submittal time frame may have on the NRC staff's review of the power uprate application. The staff noted that resolution of issues regarding fluence determination will be necessary, as it affects the establishment of reactor pressure vessel pressure-temperature limits for power uprate. The staff also encouraged further discussions on this subject prior to the completion of its power uprate review.

On April 11, 2000, a conference call included further discussions between members of the NRC staff and River Bend Station (RBS) personnel. Based on discussions in this call, RBS commits to use the 32 Effective Full Power Years (EFPY) pressure-temperature (PT)

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curves contained in the power uprate submittal until we have submitted test results for the first RBS surveillance capsule specimen and received NRC approval of revised PT limit curves. We understand that with this commitment, the NRC staff will continue their review of the power uprate submittal.

If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Joseph W. Leavines of my staff at 225-381-4642.

Sincerely,



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