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Subject: Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 2  
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Additional Information Concerning the Definition of Core Alterations

Gentlemen:

By letters dated March 8, 2000 (2CAN030002), and June 13, 2000 (2CAN060006), Entergy Operations proposed a revision to the Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2 (ANO-2) Technical Specification definition 1.12 for a core alteration. Entergy Operations had previously proposed excluding coupling/uncoupling of control element assemblies (CEAs) from the definition of a core alteration. Based on subsequent conversations with the Staff, coupling/uncoupling of CEAs is currently considered a core alteration and will require further justification to be considered otherwise; therefore, Entergy Operations is removing the CEA coupling/uncoupling exclusion from the proposed technical specification definition. Please find attached the revised page for ANO-2 Technical Specification 1.12 along with a markup page for information only. This revision to the proposed definition does not affect the no significant hazards consideration previously provided to the NRC.

In order to support the upcoming 2R14 refueling outage, Entergy Operations requests the effective date for this change to be September 15, 2000. Should you have any further questions, please contact me.

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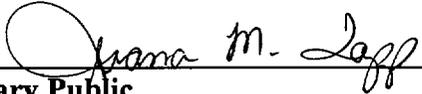
Very truly yours,



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**To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in this submittal are true.**

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO** before me, a Notary Public in and for Johnson County and the State of Arkansas, this 15 day of August, 2000.

  
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- c. Digital computer channels - The exercising of the digital computer hardware using diagnostic programs and the injection of simulated process data into the channel to verify OPERABILITY.

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