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SUBJECT: CLINTON POWER STATION - EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY DIESEL
GENERATOR ALLOWED OUTAGE TIME TO 14 DAYS (TAC NO. MB0861)

Dear Mr. Reandeau:

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Upon further review, the NRC staff has found that permanent risk informed TS changes of a magnitude such as this one should not be reviewed and approved on an exigent basis. This particular risk informed permanent TS change requires a careful review because of the risk significance. We believe that this constitutes special circumstances under which exigent review is not appropriate following issuance of enforcement discretion. Therefore, the staff will review your amendment request on a normal priority schedule instead of an exigent schedule.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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