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**SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ENTERGY'S BACKFIT CLAIM IN
RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-313/01-06; 50-368/01-06**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge your letter of September 28, 2001, regarding our position that manual actions credited for achieving and maintaining hot shutdown conditions in the event of a fire in the Unit 1 emergency diesel generator corridor and north switchgear room are not an acceptable method for complying with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.G.2. In addition, you asserted that the NRC has accepted such manual actions in the past, and stated that our position with respect to disallowing the use of manual actions for complying with Section III.G.2 should be considered a backfit that is generic to all plants.

Your concerns will be reviewed in accordance with NRC Management Directive 8.4, "NRC Program for Management of Plant-Specific Backfitting of Nuclear Power Plants." We will notify you of the results when we have completed our review. If you have questions regarding the NRC process, please contact me at (817) 860-8180 or Charles S. Marschall, Chief, Engineering and Maintenance Branch, at (817) 860-8185.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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