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CHANGE REGARDING APPENDIX K MARGIN RECOVERY - POWER
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If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-1480.

Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC.

WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3

A. Radiological Consequences:

1. On page 3-81 of attachment 2 to your letter dated September 21, 2001, you state that current design constraints limit the hot rod radial peaking factor to lower than the maximum assumed in the accident analyses. What value was assumed for the maximum radial peaking factor in determining the radiological source term for non-loss of coolant accident fuel failure events? To what value is the hot rod radial peaking factor limited by the current fuel design constraints?

B. Electrical:

1. Please provide details about the grid stability analysis including major assumptions and results and conclusions of the analysis.
2. Please provide the output in megawatts electrical corresponding to 3,390 Megawatts thermal (MWt) and 3,441 MWt.
3. The initial conditions and assumptions for a station blackout (SBO) under power uprate (3,441 MWt) condition shall include an operating history of 100 days at 101.5 percent power conditions. Clarify that the assumption used for the maximum decay heat for SBO analysis is for power uprate condition.
4. Section 3.11.3.1, does not provide any conclusion regarding the impact of equipment qualification of equipment located outside the containment due to power uprate. Please provide a discussion about the equipment qualification of equipment located outside the containment due to power uprate.
5. Section 3.9.2, there is no mention of adequacy of equipment terminal voltages. Please provide a discussion about the adequacy of equipment terminal voltages (safety and non-safety loads) due to power uprate.
6. Section 4.3, states that "Other elements of the SBO analysis have not significantly changed." Please provide details about the battery margins both before and after power uprate.

Waterford Generating Station 3

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