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ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Waterford 3 SES
Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38
Indefinite Deferral of Conversion to Improved Technical Specifications

Gentlemen:

Via letters W3F1-97-0025 (dated 2/6/97) and W3F1-97-0114 (dated 5/8/97), Entergy committed to convert the Waterford 3 Technical Specifications to NUREG-1432 (Standard Technical Specifications - Combustion Engineering Plants). The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC staff that Entergy is revising this commitment. Based on the current prioritization of limited funding for capital projects, Entergy believes other competing projects add more value to the continued safe operation of the plant. Therefore, Entergy is indefinitely deferring this conversion. The operation of Waterford 3 within the current Technical Specifications has ensured and will continue to ensure Waterford 3's safe operation. The deferral of this conversion project will have no adverse impact on the safe operation of the plant.

This letter does not contain any commitments. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact David Madere at (504) 739-6481.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan J. Harris".

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cc: E.W. Merschoff (NRC Region IV), N. Kalyanam (NRC-NRR),
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