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Subject: NRC Review of Licensing Action Requests for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station Thirteenth Refueling Outage

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to discuss the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS), Unit 1 Thirteenth Refueling Outage licensing action requests that have been submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for review and approval. On June 1, 2001, the DBNPS staff submitted letter Serial Number 2715 to the NRC providing a listing summarizing those licensing actions requiring review by the NRC staff for the March, 2002 DBNPS Thirteenth Refueling Outage (13RFO) or prior to the end of the present Operating Cycle 13. The DBNPS staff requested that these licensing actions be approved in support of the 13RFO schedule. In addition, each individual licensing action request submitted to the NRC identified the requested date for the NRC staff's approval in its cover letter.

As the NRC staff is aware, due to the commitments provided to the NRC in letter Serial Number 2747, dated November 30, 2001, in response to Bulletin 2001-01, "Circumferential Cracking of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Penetration Nozzles," the DBNPS has moved up the 13RFO to commence on February 16, 2002. This translates to an earlier need for the 13RFO-related licensing action requests referred to above.

Attached is the listing of the 13RFO licensing action requests that remain under NRC staff review. This listing includes the original requested approval date contained in each submitted licensing action request and any appropriate advancement of that date as a result of the advancement of the 13RFO. In addition, the licensing action requests in this listing have been prioritized as to relative importance to the 13RFO and this prioritization is provided as a guide to the NRC for completing its reviews.

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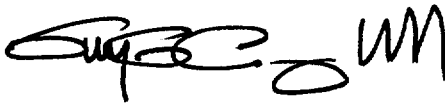
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There remain 11 licensing action requests for 13RFO under the NRC staff's review. The DBNPS staff maintains contact on virtually a daily basis with the NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Project Manager with respect to the progress on the review of these licensing action requests, and is aware that the NRC staff's review of these 11 requests is in various stages of completion. To support the final preparations for the 13RFO, the DBNPS staff is requesting the NRC staff expedite the completion of its reviews.

The NRC staff is encouraged to continue to utilize open communication with the DBNPS staff during its review of these licensing action requests to expedite the resolution of any questions. In addition, should it be necessary for the DBNPS staff to meet with the NRC staff to resolve any questions, the NRC/NRR Project Manager should feel free to request the DBNPS staff to do so.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. David H. Lockwood, Manager – Regulatory Affairs, at (419) 321-8450.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.P. Sands", followed by a stylized flourish or set of initials.

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Attachments

cc: J.E. Dyer, Regional Administrator, NRC Region III
S.P. Sands, NRC/NRR DB-1 Project Manager
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State of Ohio (NRC Liaison)
Utility Radiological Safety Board

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**DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT 1
13RFO LICENSING ACTION REQUESTS UNDER NRC REVIEW**

TYPE & NUMBER	NRC TAC NUMBER	SERIAL NO. & DATE SENT	APPROVAL REQUESTED BY	DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY*
<i>License Amendment Requests:</i>					
97-0007	MB1689	Serial 2664 03/30/01	10/31/01	Increase Technical Specification (TS)) 18-Month Surveillance Interval to 24 Months for Leak Testing the Decay Heat Removal Valve Pit	8
98-0004	MA9694	Serial 2667 11/09/00	06/15/01	Increase TS Allowable Outage Time for One LPI/Decay Heat Removal System Train and Containment Spray System Train from 3 Days to 7 Days	9
00-0005	MB1979	Serial 2690 05/15/01	11/26/01	Revise TS 3.9.4 and 3.9.12 to Allow Containment Equipment Hatch to Remain Open During the Entire Refueling Outage, including Core Alterations	1
00-0006	MB3280	Serial 2692 10/12/01	03/15/02 (Advanced)	Feedwater Flow Instrumentation 1.63% Power Uprate (Measurement Uncertainty Recovery)	5
01-0004	MB2107	Serial 2705 05/22/01	01/31/02	Revise TS to Allow the Use of Steam Generator Tube Re-Roll Repairs in Upper and Lower Tube Sheets	2
01-0005	MB3281	Serial 2772 10/09/01	02/15/02 (Advanced)	Revise Steam and Feedwater Rupture Control System TS Channel Functional Testing Frequency from 31 Days to 92 Days	4

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TYPE & NUMBER	NRC TAC NUMBER	SERIAL NO. & DATE SENT	APPROVAL REQUESTED BY	DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY*
<i>ASME Code Relief Requests/ Alternatives</i>					
RR-A22	MB1609	Serial 2695 03/28/01	11/01/01	Relief Request for Examination of Reactor Vessel Nozzle-to-Core Flood Safe End Butt Welds	10
RR-A23	MB1608	Serial 2699 03/26/01 Serial 2730 09/06/01	10/12/01	Relief Request for Use of Code Case N-622 in lieu of Statistical Parameters	11
-	MB1607	Serial 2672 09/19/00 Serial 2729 09/07/01	09/18/01	Third Ten-Year Interval Inservice Inspection Program	7
<i>Topical Reports</i>					
BAW-2374		B&WOG Submittal 07/07/00 03/12/01	08/30/01	Risk-Informed Assessment of Once-Through Steam Generator Tube Thermal Loads Due to Breaks in RCS Upper Hot Leg Large-Bore Piping (Associated with above LAR 01-0004)	3
Caldon Inc. ER-157P Revision		Entergy CNRO-2001- 00047 10/09/01	01/31/02	Supplement to Topical Report ER-80P: Basis for a Power Uprate with the LEFM or LEFM CheckPlus System (Associated with above LAR 00-0006)	6

*Prioritized 1 through 11 with 1 being the highest priority licensing action.

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COMMITMENT LIST

THE FOLLOWING LIST IDENTIFIES THOSE ACTIONS COMMITTED TO BY THE DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (DBNPS) IN THIS DOCUMENT. ANY OTHER ACTIONS DISCUSSED IN THIS SUBMITTAL REPRESENT INTENDED OR PLANNED ACTIONS BY THE DBNPS. THEY ARE DESCRIBED ONLY FOR INFORMATION AND ARE NOT REGULATORY COMMITMENTS. PLEASE NOTIFY THE MANAGER-REGULATORY AFFAIRS (419-321-8450) AT THE DBNPS OF ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DOCUMENT OR ANY ASSOCIATED REGULATORY COMMITMENTS.

COMMITMENT

DUE DATE

None

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