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U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2  
Docket No. 50-368  
License No. NPF-6  
Indefinite Deferral of Conversion of Technical Specifications to the  
Standard Specifications of NUREG-1432

REFERENCES: ANO Letters dated June 21, 1995 (0CAN069502), August 29, 1996  
(0CAN089604), September 30, 1997 (0CAN099701), October 13, 1998  
(0CAN109803), and July 10, 2002 (1CAN070204)

NRC Inspection Report 50-313/94-24;50-368/94-24 Unresolved Item  
313/94424-02 dated November 25, 1997 (1CNA119702)

Dear Sir or Madam:

In the letters referenced above, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) provided proposed and updated schedules to the NRC regarding the conversion of the Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2 (ANO-1 and ANO-2) Technical Specifications (TSs) to the Revised Standard Technical Specifications (RSTS) of NUREG 1430 and NUREG 1432, respectively. The above referenced NRC inspection report was particularly concerned with the conversion of the ANO-1 TSs as these custom TSs lacked clarity in some instances and were not comparable to the RSTSs of NUREG 1430. As discussed in ANO letter dated July 10, 2002, Entergy informed the NRC that the conversion of the ANO-1 TSs to the NUREG 1430 standard had been accomplished and implemented as of July 8, 2002. Therefore, the past concerns surrounding the need for this conversion have been resolved.

However, the NRC was also previously informed (letter dated October 13, 1998 above) that the consideration of conversion of the ANO-2 TSs to the standard format would be delayed due to the resources required to support the ANO-2 Steam Generator replacement and Power Uprate projects, and that conversion of the TSs would be re-evaluated following the completion of these projects. As both projects have recently completed, Entergy has performed an evaluation of the conversion of the ANO-2 TSs to the standard format and has concluded that such conversion is not warranted at this time.

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Entergy has maintained an active and aggressive role in the TS generic change process performed by the NEI Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) for many years. Through this participation, ANO-2 has adopted many component- or system-specific generic and standard TSs. In addition, the current ANO-2 TSs are very similar to the standard format. Having first-hand knowledge of the costs and resources required to process and complete a TS conversion through the ANO-1 project recently completed, a cost-benefit and resource management review was performed regarding the possible conversion of the ANO-2 TS to the standard format. Based on the current prioritization of projects, Entergy has determined that the substantial costs and resources to complete such a conversion can not be justified. However, Entergy continues to aggressively support the generic standard TS process through the TSTF and will continue to ensure that appropriate changes are subsequently adopted into the ANO-2 TSs.

Entergy appreciates the NRC's patience and understanding relevant to these matters. This letter does not contain any commitments. If you should have any questions or require additional information, please contact David Bice at 479-858-5338.

Sincerely,



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