

March 9, 2004

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SUBJECT: WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 - EXTENDED POWER
UPRATE (EPU) ACCEPTANCE REVIEW (TAC NO. MC1355)

Dear Mr. Venable:

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The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of the EPU application for Waterford 3. The acceptance review determines whether or not there is sufficient detail to allow the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review. The review also ensures that the application adequately characterizes the regulatory requirements and licensing basis of the plant.

Based on the review of the information provided in the two submittals mentioned above, the NRC staff has determined that Entergy has provided the necessary information, such that the detailed technical review can be performed. The NRC staff expects to complete its detailed review by your requested date, January 31, 2005.

Verbal notification of the NRC's acceptance of your application was provided by the undersigned to Mr. Bryan Miller of your staff on March 1, 2004. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-1480.

Sincerely,

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