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Rick:

I didn't get a chance to provide some information today as part of our status teleconference. On December 21, 2004 Jim Tatum provided Entergy with an RAI (SPLB-A-10) regarding power ascension testing. As Mr. Tatum is not the original assigned reviewer for that area (was Mr. Pettis) I am not sure that Mr. Tatum has all of the background material provided by Entergy that is related to our response to his RAI (Response contained in Entergy letter BVY 05-07 dated February 24, 2005). Below please find a description of the LAR supplements that provided the additional information on this subject area including response to previous RAIs. Our February 24, 2005 submittal is based upon the reviewer having read and been involved with these prior submittals. If desirable to you or the Staff, Entergy would be willing to provide these particular documents in any format for the reviewer.

**SRP 14.2.1 Requirements**

- \* III.A Comparison of Proposed EPU Test Program to the Initial Plant Test Program
- \* III.B Post modification Testing Requirements for Functions Important to Safety Impacted by EPU-Related Plant Modifications
- \* III.C Use of Evaluation to Justify Elimination of Power-Ascension Tests
- f. Guidance Contained in Vendor Topical Reports

**Documents provided by Entergy under Proposed Change 263**

- \* Original Submittal
- \* Supplement 3
  - o Attachment (Revision to Submittal Attachment 3) - This attachment provides a review of all original Vermont Yankee Startup Tests and for the EPU when each test will be performed and if not planned to be performed provides a justification for not requiring the test.
  - o Attachment (Revision to Submittal Attachment 7) - This attachment provides additional justification for not performing 'Large Transient Testing'.
- \* Supplement 19
  - o Attachment 1 - This attachment provides the original initial plant startup test sequence for Vermont Yankee.
  - o Attachment 2 - This attachment provided historical information about the original plant startup test results and provided additional justification (beyond PC-263 Supplement 3) for not performing certain Power Ascension Tests (Steady State and Large Transient Tests)

Please feel free to contact me, or our NRR Project Manager (Ronda Daflucas), if you have any questions or wish to discuss this material.

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