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Subject: Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
Response to U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Letter Dated March 31, 2005,
Concerning Planned Benchmarking Activities for the Low Power Shutdown
Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) Model

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) received the subject Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research letter dated March 31, 2005, requesting support of planned benchmarking activities at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) for the Low Power Shutdown Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) model (DBNPS Tracking Number EXT 05-00176).

Confirming discussions with the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Senior Project Manager for the DBNPS, due to the current focus on Mitigating Systems Performance Index (MSPI) implementation efforts, DBNPS personnel responsible for Probabilistic Risk Assessment activities may not be able to support the SPAR model benchmarking activities in 2005. FENOC respectfully requests that Nuclear Regulatory Research personnel contact us via our NRR Senior Project Manager in the fall of this year to determine whether site resources will permit participation in this project in late-2005.

The enclosure lists any regulatory commitments made in this submittal.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Henry L. Hegrat, Supervisor - Fleet Licensing, at (330) 315-6944.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. B. Bezilla". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

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Enclosure

cc: Charles E. Ader, Director, Division of Risk Analysis and Applications,
NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
W. A. Macon, NRC/NRR Project Manager
C. S. Thomas, NRC Region III, DB-1 Senior Resident Inspector

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Enclosure

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 THE SUBMITTAL REPRESENT INTENDED OR PLANNED ACTIONS BY THE DBNPS. THEY ARE DESCRIBED ONLY FOR INFORMATION AND ARE NOT REGULATORY COMMITMENTS. PLEASE NOTIFY HENRY L. HEGRAT, SUPERVISOR – FLEET LICENSING, (330) 315-6944, OF ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DOCUMENT OR ANY ASSOCIATED REGULATORY COMMITMENTS.

| COMMITMENTS | DUE DATE |
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| None | N/A |