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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: Use of Temporary Alternate Emergency Operations Facility
Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3
Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3) alternate Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) located at 142 Delaronde Street, New Orleans, Louisiana is temporarily unavailable as a result of hurricane Katrina. As a compensatory measure, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) plans to temporarily utilize the River Bend Station, Unit 1 (RBS) alternate EOF located in the Entergy - Baton Rouge Division Office on Government Street in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in place of the normal Waterford 3 alternate EOF in New Orleans.

The alternate EOF serves as the back-up to the near site EOF for the management of overall Waterford 3 emergency response, coordination of offsite radiological and environmental assessments, determination of offsite protective action recommendations, and offsite notifications. The RBS alternate EOF in Baton Rouge affords Entergy comparable capabilities to those that existed at the Waterford 3 alternate EOF in New Orleans. Specifically, Entergy has ensured that the necessary space, procedures, equipment, dose assessment and communications capability exists at the alternate EOF in Baton Rouge to assure:

1. Management of overall licensee emergency response,
2. Coordination of radiological and environmental assessment,
3. Determination of recommended public protective actions, and
4. Coordination of emergency response activities with Federal, State and local agencies.

Entergy has consulted with the State of Louisiana, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), regarding the decision to relocate the normal Waterford 3 alternate EOF to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The State of Louisiana concurs that temporary use of an alternate EOF in Baton Rouge is acceptable. St. Charles Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish officials are not assigned a position in the Waterford 3 EOF or alternate EOF and would not be expected to relocate to the alternate EOF in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. However, normal communications with state and local agencies will continue to be maintained from the alternate EOF location in Baton Rouge.

We have considered the impact of the difference in travel distances from the site to the normal alternate EOF location in New Orleans as compared to the temporary alternate EOF

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location in Baton Rouge. Entergy concludes that although there is an increase in distance to be traveled, differences in major highway availability, congestion and traffic is expected to result in comparable travel times. Therefore, the alternate EOF in Baton Rouge remains well within the responders' ability to arrive in a timely manner.

Finally, increasing the capability of the RBS alternate EOF to support the alternate EOF requirements for Waterford 3 does not impact the ability of the facility to serve as an alternate EOF for RBS.

This compensatory measure is expected to remain in place until the normal Waterford 3 alternate EOF in New Orleans is restored. If the restoration of the normal Waterford 3 alternate EOF is not complete within 90 days from the date of this letter, an assessment will be performed by Entergy to determine if continued use of the alternate EOF in Baton Rouge is appropriate.

This letter contains one new commitment as summarized in the attachment.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Jack Lewis at 501-212-1495 or 504-416-2504.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: List of Regulatory Commitments

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The following table identifies those actions committed to by Entergy in this document. Any other statements in this submittal are provided for information purposes and are not considered to be regulatory commitments.

COMMITMENT	TYPE (Check one)		SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE (If Required)
	ONE- TIME ACTION	CONTINUING COMPLIANCE	
If the restoration of the normal Waterford 3 alternate EOF is not complete within 90 days from the date of this letter, an assessment will be performed by Entergy to determine if continued use of the alternate EOF in Baton Rouge is appropriate.	X		90 days from the date of this letter