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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

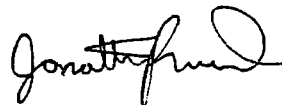
BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
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SYSTEM ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.) Docket No. 52-009-ESP
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(Early Site Permit for Grand Gulf ESP Site))

NRC STAFF RESPONSE
TO LICENSING BOARD'S ORDER OF OCTOBER 3, 2006

On October 3, 2006, the Licensing Board in this proceeding issued an Order requiring the Staff to provide answers to ninety questions related to the Board's review of the Staff's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The Board also requested briefing on several environmental issues from the Staff and System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI). On October 11, 2006, the Board granted a Staff motion for an extension of time and allowed the parties until October 23, 2006, within which to submit their responses. The Staff hereby respectfully submits the following answers and brief in response to the Board's Order. To the degree practicable, the Staff has integrated its responses into the electronic copy of Attachment A of the Board's Order immediately following the questions propounded by the Board. However, where the length of a response made it impracticable to comply with this request, the Staff has provided separately attached responses, which are included as Attachments B and C.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 23rd day of October, 2006