

July 31, 2007

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SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION RE: PROPOSED LICENSE TRANSFER AND CONFORMING
LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NO. MD5671)

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The NRC staff has reviewed the information provided in the May 29, 2007, application. In order to complete its evaluation, the NRC staff requires a response to the enclosed Request for Additional Information (RAI).

The contents of the RAI have been discussed with Mr. Jerry Burford, Mr. David Lorfing, and Mr. Doug Levanway of your staff, and a response time frame of 30 days was agreed to. If for any reason this date becomes unreasonable, please contact me at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-458

Enclosure: Request for Additional Information

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REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING DIRECT LICENSE TRANSFER FROM
ENTERGY GULF STATES, INC. TO ENTERGY GULF STATES LOUISIANA, LLC
RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPP-47
DOCKET NO. 50-458

NOTE: RAI #1 THROUGH #5 ARE FROM THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND RULEMAKING BRANCH AND RAI #6 IS FROM THE OPERATOR LICENSING AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE BRANCH.

1. The application provides narrative, but not graphic, depictions of the Entergy organizations involved in the restructuring. Graphic information is necessary for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to clarify its understanding of the overall aspects of the proposed restructuring. Therefore, please provide corporate structure charts showing both the existing (before restructuring) structure and the proposed new (after restructuring) structure, including at a minimum the following entities: Entergy Corporation, Entergy Gulf States, Inc. (EGS), EGS Holdings, Inc. (EGS Holdings), Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC (EGS-LA), Entergy Texas, Inc., and Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI)
2. The staff understands that the antitrust license conditions in the existing license to EGS will transfer to the proposed new NRC licensee, EGS-LA. In order for the staff to determine whether the existing River Bend antitrust license conditions will be able to be fully implemented by EGS-LA, please confirm whether all of EGS's physical assets, including transmission lines and other assets that are necessary to enable EGS-LA to comply with and meet the original intent of the antitrust license conditions, will be transferred to the proposed new NRC licensee of River Bend, EGS-LA.
3. The application states that 30 percent of the capacity and energy of River Bend is "unregulated" (that is, not rate regulated by the Louisiana Public Service Commission). In order for the staff to determine the financial qualifications of EGS-LA for the capacity and energy associated with the "unregulated" 30 percent portion of River Bend, please explain the basis for the representation that the annual operating costs for that 30 percent portion of River Bend's output will be fully covered by revenues from the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) identified in the application or any other source of revenues. For example, do the PPAs guarantee the payment of all costs of operating the facility associated with the 30 percent portion whether or not such costs fluctuate? If so, please provide copies of the PPAs and identify the relevant portions. If not, please provide estimates of annual operating costs associated with the 30 percent portion and estimates of expected revenues from the PPAs to cover such costs for each of the 5 years following the date of the proposed license transfer.

ENCLOSURE

4. The application is not complete pursuant to the general information requirements in 10 CFR 50.33(d)(2) or (3)(i). Therefore, please provide the principal locations where EGS Holdings and EGS-LA will do business.
5. The application for the license transfer does not contain information demonstrating that the proposed licensee will have a valid standard contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel that may result from the use of the license. Therefore, please confirm that EGS-LA will have entered into such a standard contract with DOE on or before the transfer date.
6. Please provide the organization charts(*) for EOI, EGS, and EGS-LA prior to the license transfer and the organizational charts(*) for the corporate structure of these three entities after the transfer is complete.

(*) organization information about the relationship between different organizations involved (EGS, EOI, EGS Holdings, EGS-LA, etc.), not the detailed internal organization charts.