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SUBJECT: Updated RBS 3 COLA Submittal Schedule
Entergy Operations, Inc.
River Bend Station Unit 3
NRC Project 745

REFERENCE: 1. NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2007-08, *Updated Licensing Submittal Information to Support the Design-Centered Licensing Review Approach*; dated April 16, 2007
2. Entergy letter "Response to RIS 2007-08", dated May 31, 2007 (CNRO-2007-0024)
3. NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2008-01, "Process for Scheduling Acceptance Reviews Based on Notification of Applicant Submission Dates for Early Site Permits, Combined Licenses, and Design Certifications and Process for Determining Budget Needs for Fiscal Year 2010," dated January 10, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

In Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 07-08 (Reference 1), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) indicated its intent to promote standardization of Combined Operating License (COL) applications and to facilitate the establishment of a predictable and consistent method for reviewing applications. Entergy provided a response for the planned COL application for River Bend Station Unit 3 in Reference 2 and noted an intended submittal date of May, 2008.

In RIS 08-01 (Reference 3), the NRC has requested that applicants declare their expected submission date 90 days prior to the expected submission date.

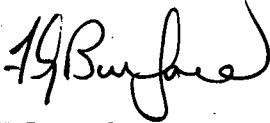
Entergy has not yet made a decision to construct a plant at River Bend Station. This letter updates the intended submittal for NRC planning purposes. Entergy has decided to move the submittal date from May, 2008 to September 30, 2008. There are several factors prompting this delay including:

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- a) Unanticipated additional site characterization work,
- b) Recent decision to delay submittal of the ESBWR DCD Rev 5 to May, 2008, and
- c) On-going internal business considerations.

There are no new commitments made in this letter. If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Jerry Burford at (601) 368-5755 (fburfor@entergy.com).

Sincerely,



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