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LICENSE APPLICATION, REVISION 1

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, I can be reached at 301-415-4045 or by e-mail at Mark.Tonacci@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 052-0024
eRAI Tracking No. 1350

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No. 1350 Revision 0
Grand Gulf, Unit 3 COLA
Entergy Operations, Inc.
Docket No. 52-024
SRP Section: 01 - Introduction and Interfaces
Application Section: Part 1 General and Administrative

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Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.33(f)(4)(iii):

- a) In Section 1.1 Applicants - Corporate Information, the application states that Entergy Mississippi, Inc. (EMI); Entergy Louisiana, LLC (ELL); and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC (EGSL) will own GGNS Unit 3. However, the application also states that "The ownership shares among these three companies have not yet been determined." The staff requests that the applicants state when the percentage of ownership of GGNS Unit 3 between EMI, ELL, and EGSL will be finalized.
- b) In Section 1.1 Applicants - Corporate Information, please provide an abbreviated chart showing the relationship of EMI, ELL, and EGSL to the parent company, Entergy Corporation.

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Relative to Part 1, General and Administrative Information, Section 3.2.4, SOURCES OF CONSTRUCTION FUNDS, the COLA states:

[L]egislation has been introduced in Mississippi to grant favorable rate regulation for the construction of a new nuclear power plant....The expectation is that the new legislation will be signed into law and enacted by May 2008.

Pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix C.I.A., please provide proper documentation of the legislation by the State of Mississippi that has or will be passed that will grant rate regulation to allow for the construction of costs to be recovered. The application only states that there is such legislation in progress and that it is likely to be passed by May 2008.

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Part 1 Section 3.2 Financial Qualifications

In "Section 1.1 Applicants-Corporate Information," the application states that "Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) will construct and operate GGNS Unit 3; EOI will not have ownership interest in GGNS Unit 3." Because the application identifies EOI, which is not an electric utility, as the constructor and operator of GGNS Unit 3, it needs to provide certain documentation in order to support its financial qualifications for the activities in which EOI seeks to be engaged under the license. In *Northern States Power Co.* (Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, et al), CLI-00-14, 52 NRC 37, 49-50 (2000), the Commission held that the operator was financially qualified if: the operator was only seeking to operate the plant and not fund operations; the owner was an electric utility; and the owner had a contractual obligation to assume full financial responsibility as documented by the Operating Services Agreement between the operator and the owner.

Therefore, please provide an Operating Services Agreement between EOI and the proposed owner applicants of GGNS Unit 3 (Entergy Mississippi, Inc. (EMI); Entergy Louisiana, LLC (ELL); and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC (EGSL)).

In addition, since EMI, ELL, and EGSL will be financing construction of GGNS Unit 3, please provide a comparable agreement that provides that the owner applicants will have a contractual obligation to the constructor, EOI, to assume full financial responsibility for funding the construction of GGNS Unit 3.