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Subject: ANO-2 Acceptance of Request for Alternative ANO-2 RR PRR-ANO2-2009-1 (ME0921)

Dave and Bob:

By letter dated March 20, 2009, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) submitted a relief request for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2. Entergy requested an approval of a proposed alternative to the requirements of of ASME OM Code – 2004 Edition, pertaining to parameters monitored during quarterly testing of the Low Pressure
Safety Injection (LPSI) pumps. Specifically, you have requested an alternative to categorize the LPSI pumps as Group B during Modes 1-4, and as Group A during Modes 5-6, which allows for a reduction of monitored parameters during quarterly on-line testing. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staffs acceptance review of this relief request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(a)(3)(i) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1445.

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