



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 18, 2009

Vice President, Operations
Entergy Operations, Inc.
Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3
17265 River Road
Killona, LA 70057-3093

SUBJECT: ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC'S STATUS OF DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING
ASSURANCE FOR WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 (TAC
NO. ME0586)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On March 30, 2009, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received Entergy Louisiana, LLC's (Entergy Louisiana) biennial decommissioning funding report (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML090920218) for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3).

Based on our internal review, the NRC staff believes there is a projected shortfall of decommissioning funding assurance for Waterford 3 at the time permanent termination of operations is expected. Although a shortfall in decommissioning funding assurance does not affect safe operations, adequate decommissioning funding assurance is important to ensure a plant will eventually be decommissioned safely.

The NRC staff will conduct a telephone conference with Entergy Louisiana within ten working days of the date of this letter to discuss the staff's calculations and methodology. The intent of the call will be to establish a mutual understanding and framework such that you will be able to develop a plan to resolve any projected decommissioning funding assurance shortfall.

If Entergy Louisiana is determined to have a projected shortfall, it will need to submit a plan by a date to be established at the close of the telephone conference. The plan would describe how and when the licensee intends to make adjustments to its trust fund balances and/or schedule of future collections, or make other adjustments or changes with respect to financial assurance mechanisms, such that it will be on track to meet the minimum amount of financial assurance required by the NRC's regulations.

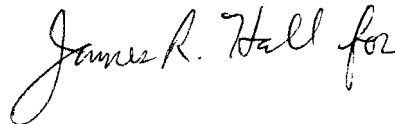
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Sincerely,

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