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June 18, 2009

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**SUBJECT: FIRSTENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY STATUS OF  
DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ASSURANCE FOR BEAVER VALLEY POWER  
STATION, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. ME0487)**

Dear Mr. Sena:

On March 27, 2009, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (licensee) biennial decommissioning funding report (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML090970287) for Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1 (BVPS-1).

Based on our internal review, the NRC staff believes that there is a decommissioning funding assurance shortfall for BVPS-1. 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 the licensee 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 decommissioning funding assurance shortfall.

If the licensee is determined to have a 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 make other adjustments or changes with respect to financial assurance mechanisms, such that it will meet the minimum amount of financial assurance consistent with NRC's regulations.

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