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Mr. John F. McCann  
Director, Nuclear Safety and Licensing  
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SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 2, VERMONT YANKEE  
NUCLEAR POWER STATION, AND PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT -  
SUMMARY OF JUNE 29, 2009, CONFERENCE CALL WITH ENTERGY  
NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC., ON DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING  
ASSURANCE (TAC NOS. ME0528, MD0583, AND ME0548)

Dear Mr. McCann:

On June 29, 2009, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a conference call with representatives of Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee). The purpose of the call was to clarify the amount of the decommissioning funding assurance shortfall calculated by the NRC staff for the subject units, to clarify the methodology used by the NRC staff to determine decommissioning funding assurance levels, and to establish a schedule for the submittal of a plan to address the shortfall. Enclosed is a list of attendees.

For each of the subject units, the NRC staff described its calculation of the minimum amount of financial assurance required by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Sections 50.75(c)(1) and (2). The NRC staff identified the amount credited to the licensee's decommissioning funding assurance total due to contributions, if any, and earnings on its decommissioning trust fund balance. The difference between the minimum required amount and the total amount of decommissioning funding assurance provided, including earnings and contributions, as of December 31, 2008, was identified as a potential shortfall if no adjustments are made by the licensee.

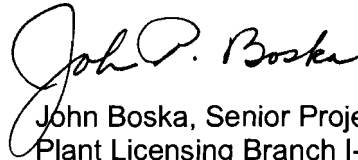
For each unit, the licensee agreed that the amounts described by the NRC staff reflect the licensee's decommissioning funding assurance status as of December 31, 2008. The licensee submitted the December 31, 2008, fund amounts to the NRC in a letter dated March 30, 2009, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML090920576.

The licensee acknowledged NRC's requirement for a 30-day response. The licensee, however, expressed the need for an additional period of 15 days to process the information and issue its plan. The NRC staff after some discussion reached a consensus on a 45-day response, for the licensee to submit its plan on or before August 13, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.4. The licensee agreed that its plan will contain sufficient detailed numerical information to permit the staff to evaluate its plan. The submittal will include the final agreed-upon values for the required minimum amount, projected total amount of decommissioning funding assurance, and the potential shortfall as of December 31, 2008. The NRC staff agreed that (1) the plan could use the actual date of license expiration as the end date for the earnings credit allowed during operation, and (2) realized earnings to date on trust fund balances could be credited to the total amount of decommissioning funding assurance proposed in the plan.

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Please direct any inquiries to me at 301-415-2901, or [John.Boska@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Boska@nrc.gov).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Boska". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-247, 50-271, and 50-255

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List of Attendees

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JUNE 29, 2009, CONFERENCE CALL WITH ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.

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