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Docket 652-00036

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Director, New Plant Licensing & QA

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Vanessa Quinn Chief Radiological EP Branch 500 C Street SW Washington, DC 20472

Subject: FEMA Review of River Bend Station Unit 3 COLA

R3XO-2009-00008

Dear Ms. Quinn:

Entergy received your letter of May 11, 2009 providing comments related to the River Bend Station, Unit 3 Combined License Application (COLA). We have enlisted the help of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to address the comments and effect the appropriate changes to the off-site emergency plans. The response is currently due July 23, 2009 to meet the requested 45-business day resolution period. The LDEQ has notified us that they may require an additional 30-business days and propose a response date of September 3, 2009.

We find this request reasonable and ask that you consider granting an extension to your review period. We support continuing the FEMA review of the off-site plans since plan improvements will be beneficial and it is desirable to complete the review while resources are available. Should you have any questions regarding this request for extension, please contact me at 601-368-5755.

Sincerely

Thomas L. Williamson

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