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Vice President, Operations  
Entergy Operations, Inc.  
River Bend Station  
5485 US Highway 61N  
St. Francisville, LA 70775

SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 - DRAFT PARTIAL SAFETY EVALUATION  
FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT APPLICATION (TAC NO. MD7966)

Dear Sir or Madam:

By application dated November 20, 2008, as supplemented by letter dated August 12, 2009, Entergy Operations, Inc., submitted a license amendment request (LAR) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review. The proposed change revises Technical Specification 5.6.5, "Core Operating Limits Report (COLR)," to add a reference to an analytical method that will be used to determine the core operating limits. The change is needed to support the use of GE14 fuel during refueling outage 15 scheduled for the fall of 2009. Enclosed for your review and comment is a copy of the NRC staff's draft partial safety evaluation (SE) for the LAR.

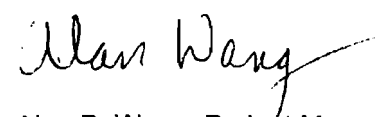
Pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the NRC staff has determined that the enclosed draft SE does not contain proprietary information. However, the staff will delay placing the draft SE in the public document room for a period of 10 working days from the date of this letter to provide you with the opportunity to comment on any proprietary aspects. If you believe that any information in the enclosure is proprietary, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390. After 10 working days, the draft partial SE will be made publicly available, and an additional 10 working days are provided to you to comment on any factual errors or clarity concerns contained in the draft partial SE. The final SE will be issued after making any necessary changes and will be made publicly available. The NRC staff's disposition of your comments on the draft partial SE will be discussed in the final SE.

To facilitate the NRC staff's review of your comments on any proprietary aspects, please provide a marked-up copy of the SE showing proposed changes.

The Enclosure contains Proprietary Information. Upon separation from the Enclosure, this letter is decontrolled.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1445 or Alan.Wang@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



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