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Subject: FEMA Review of River Bend Station, Unit 3 COLA (Schedule Update)

- References:
1. Letter Ms. Vanessa Quinn, Chief, Radiological EP Branch, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to Mr. Jerry Burford, Entergy, "Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Final Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) for Entergy's River Bend Station (RBS), Unit 3 Combined License (COL) Application, dated May 11, 2009
 2. Letter Mr. Thomas L. Williams, Entergy to Ms. Vanessa Quinn, Chief, Radiological EP Branch, U.S. Department of Homeland Security "Review of River Bend Station, Unit 3 COLA", dated July 16, 2009
 3. Letter Ms. Vanessa Quinn, Chief, Radiological EP Branch, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to Mr. Thomas L. Williamson, Entergy, "Entergy's Requests for Extension to the Request for Additional Information (RAI) Response Period for River Bend Station (RBS), Unit 3 Combined License (COL) Application, dated August 31, 2009

Dear Ms. Quinn:

As part of our efforts in preparing responses to address the comments provided in your letter of May, 11, 2009 (Reference 1), we enlisted input from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to effect the appropriate changes to the off-site emergency plans. Based on the 45 business days resolution period established in Reference 1, our response was scheduled to be submitted to FEMA no later than July 23, 2009. During the initial resolution period, LDEQ indicated that additional time was needed to prepare the responses and we notified FEMA via Reference 2 requesting an additional 30 days (beyond the initial 45 business days resolution period), to support preparation of the responses and proposed a response due date of September 3, 2009.

However, a more detailed assessment of the time and resources needed to adequately respond to FEMA's RAIs necessitates that we request another extension to the scheduled response date. Therefore, we request an extension of an additional 60 days, corresponding to a due date of November 2, 2009 for finalizing and submitting our responses to the RAIs.

We find this request reasonable and ask that you consider granting an extension to the 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, please contact me at (601) 368-5786.

Sincerely,



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