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Vice President, Operations
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SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NOS. 2 AND 3 - ACCEPTANCE
OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR SPENT FUEL TRANSFER
(TAC NOS. ME1671, ME1672, AND L24299)

Dear Sir or Madam:

By letter dated July 8, 2009, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy or the licensee) submitted a license amendment request for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3 (IP2 and IP3). The proposed amendment would license a new spent fuel transfer canister and would allow spent fuel to be transferred from the IP3 spent fuel pool to the IP2 spent fuel pool in preparation for further transfer to the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) already located on the site. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to commence its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

By letter dated September 4, 2009, the NRC staff informed Entergy that additional information was needed before the NRC staff could decide if sufficient technical information was available to allow the NRC staff to accept the application for review. By letter dated September 28, 2009, Entergy provided supplemental information.

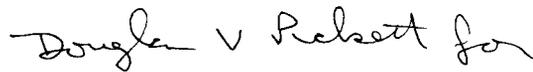
The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to commence its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate

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acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

Please contact me at (301) 415-2901 if you have any questions on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas V Roberts for".

John P. Boska, Senior Project Manager
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