Dear Jim,

By letter dated October 2, 2009, FPL Energy Point Beach, LLC, submitted a request for approval for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The submittal requests approval of the Reactor Vessel Internals. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete 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.

Pursuant to License Renewal, Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Section 54.21(a)(1) requires an applicant to identify those structures and components that are subject to an aging management review and 10 CFR 54.21(d) requires the Final Safety Analysis Report to contain a summary description of the programs and activities for managing the effects of aging.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete 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 acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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