

November 23, 2009

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.  
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station  
Docket 50-293  
License No. DPR-35

Request For Time Extension To Respond To NRC RAI For Exemption  
To Allow Hot Shutdown Manual Actions At Pilgrim Nuclear Power  
Station (TAC NO. ME831)

REFERENCE: 1. NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2006-10, Regulatory Expectations  
With Appendix R Paragraph III.G.2 Operator Manual Actions.  
  
2. Regulatory Guide 1.189, Rev. 2, Fire Protection for Nuclear Power  
Plants, issued November 2, 2009.

LETTER NUMBER: 2.09.067

Dear Sir or Madam:

By letter dated October 23, 2009, "Request for Additional Information (RAI) for Exemption to Allow Hot Shutdown Manual Actions at Pilgrim Nuclear Station" (TAC NO. ME0831), the NRC requested additional information to complete the review of Entergy's Exemption Request from certain technical requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.G.2 for use of operator manual actions. A response to this RAI was requested to be completed within 30 days.

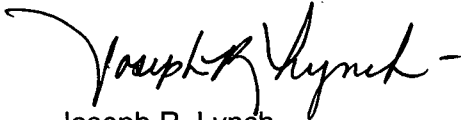
Pilgrim Station has reviewed the NRC RAI and has determined that additional time is necessary to complete the response. A due date extension to December 8, 2009 is requested. The reason for the extension request is due to the detailed nature of the information requested, the number of RAI questions (eleven), and the number of fire zones/fire areas that require an exemption at Pilgrim. The information requested exceeds the detail thought to be required to satisfy Section 2.3 in NRC RIS 2006-10 (Reference 1). In addition, this time extension will allow our staff to evaluate the recently issued Regulatory Guide 1.189, Rev. 2 (Reference 2) to ensure that fire protection features and compliance options described in the exemption are consistent with revised program implementation guidance.

There are no new commitments contained in this letter.

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Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at (508) 830-8403.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Lynch", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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