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December 23, 2009

Vice President, Operations
Entergy Operations, Inc.
Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3
17265 River Road
Killona, LA 70057-3093

SUBJECT: WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 – DECOMMISSIONING
FUNDING STATUS REPORT (TAC NO. ME0586)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed the Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy, the licensee) submittal, dated August 13, 2009 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML092260590), outlining Entergy's plan of action to cover shortfalls in providing decommissioning funding assurance and/or decommissioning funding realized in the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3), Biennial Decommissioning Funding Report that was submitted on March 30, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML090920218). Based on the NRC staff's analysis of the March 30, 2009, submittal, the NRC staff estimated a projected shortfall in decommissioning funding assurance of \$45.8 million.

In its August 13, 2009, letter, Entergy states that it plans to seek rate relief from the Louisiana Public Service Commission, specifically seeking reinstatement of collections for the decommissioning of Waterford 3. The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's plan and determined that as of August 13, 2009, the licensee has provided reasonable assurance of adequate decommissioning funding at the time of permanent termination of operations. Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that no further action is required at this time to demonstrate adequate decommissioning funding assurance, according to NRC standards, for the Waterford 3.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1480 or by electronic mail at kaly.kalyanam@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Kalyanam", followed by the word "for" written in a cursive script.

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