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Subject: Acceptance of Grand Gulf Nuclear Station License Amendment Request Regarding Condensate Storage Tank Low Level Setpoint (ME5032)

Christina, Dennis, and Rita,

By letter dated November 8, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML103140580), Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy, the licensee) requested an amendment to the Facility Operating License for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (GGNS). The proposed license amendment request (LAR) would make changes related to the final resolution of an unresolved issue associated with Technical Specification (TS) Amendment No. 181. This issue was resolved with the approval of Revision 4 of TSTF-493, "Clarify Application of Setpoint Methodology for LSSS Functions", which included the instrument function (i.e., Condensate Storage Tank Level-Low) that was the subject of Amendment No. 181. Specifically, the proposed change will add the appropriate notes as specified in TSTF-493 to the surveillance requirements associated with GGNS TS Table 3.3.5.1-1, "Emergency Core Cooling System Instrumentation, Function 3.d, Condensate Storage Tank Level – Low and to TS Table 3.3.5.2-1, Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System Instrumentation, Function 3, Condensate Storage Tank Level – Low." The supporting TS Bases will also be revised.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. 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 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.

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.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with 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. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1445.

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