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Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (ME7342)

TO: W. STEELMAN
WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST:
PROPOSED CHANGE TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3/4.7.4 TABLE 3.7-3,
"ULTIMATE HEAT SINK MINIMUM FAN REQUIREMENTS PER TRAIN" DATED
OCTOBER 13, 2011 (ME7342)

Dear Mr. Steelman:

By letter dated October 13, 2011, Entergy Operations Inc. (the licensee) submitted a license amendment request for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The proposed amendment would modify the wet cooling tower (WCT) fan requirements by placing a limit on the number of inoperable fans per cell, since the current TS requirement was found to be non-conservative. You also stated that to address non-conservatisms in the TS, Waterford 3 has implemented administrative controls that limit the number of WCT fans allowed out-of-service per cell in procedure OP-100-014 "Technical Specification and Technical Requirements Compliance."

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 follow as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR which addresses the content of technical information required, stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations. 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.

The NRC staff requested Entergy, by electronic mail date November 8, 2011, (ADAMS Accession No. ML113120470), to supplement the application to address certain information. By letter dated November 25, 2011, you provided the required information. Subsequently, by letter dated January 18, 2012, you also provided certain requested calculations. The NRC staff has found the supplements responsive to the cited information needs. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the request for approval of the proposed action acceptable for NRC review pursuant to 10 CFR 2.101.

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. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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