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SUBJECT: Entergy's 90-Day Response to the March 12, 2012, Information Request, Action Plan for Completing Emergency Communication and Staffing Assessments  
River Bend Station - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
License No. NPF-47

- References:
1. NRC letter to Entergy, *Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident*, dated March 12, 2012 (RBC-51012)
  2. Entergy letter to NRC, *Entergy's 60-Day Response to the March 12, 2012, Information Request, Action Plan for Completing Emergency Communication and Staffing Assessments*, dated May 10, 2012 (RBG-47239)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On March 12, 2012, the NRC issued Reference 1. Enclosure 5 of Reference 1 contains specific requested actions and requested information associated with Recommendation 9.3 for Emergency Preparedness programs. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54, "Conditions of licenses," paragraph (f), addressees were requested to submit a written response to the information requests. The letter also provided requested due dates for written responses.

In accordance with the Reference 2 (60-day response), on May 10, 2012, Entergy Operations, Inc. submitted an alternative course of action for providing the requested information. The alternative course of action included revised information due dates and the basis for those dates. As described in the alternative course of action, Attachment 1 to this letter transmits the responses to the following information requests: Enclosure 5 communications request #2 and staffing requests #3, #4, and #5.

The new commitments contained in this submittal are summarized in Attachment 2. Should you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact Mr. Joseph Clark at 225-381-4177.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on  
June 8, 2012.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: 1. Request for Information 90-Day Emergency Preparedness Response  
2. List of Regulatory Commitments

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**Attachment 1 to**

**RBG-47247**

**Request for Information 90-Day Emergency  
Preparedness Response**

Request for Information (RFI) 90-Day Emergency Preparedness Response

**Communications:**

**RFI 2 – Describe any interim actions that have been taken or are planned to be taken to enhance existing communications systems power supplies until the communications assessment and the resulting actions are complete.**

One uninterruptible power supply (UPS) has been purchased to be used at River Bend Station (RBS) to provide backup power upon loss of all alternating current power for radio communications systems for field monitoring teams. The schedule for installation of the UPS will be provided with the communications assessment by October 31, 2012, as previously committed to in the 60-day response (Reference 2). Additionally, inverters have been installed in two of the ERO vehicles that can be used to provide backup power to charge batteries for radios and satellite phones.

In addition to existing emergency response radios and B.5.b–dedicated radios, 10 additional portable digital radios including extra batteries/chargers have been purchased, received, and deployed to be used for communications with onsite response teams or offsite field monitoring teams.

In addition to the existing 5 satellite phones currently on site at RBS, 11 additional battery-operated satellite phones have been purchased, received, and deployed for emergency response personnel for onsite and offsite communications.

**Staffing:**

**RFI 3 – Identify how the augmented staff would be notified given degraded communications capabilities.**

Initial expectations have been communicated to the Emergency Response Organization (ERO) to respond to their assigned emergency response facilities when made aware of an area-wide loss-of-grid that results in degraded communications capability. This will be included in the ERO annual requalification training program by December 12, 2012.

**RFI 4 – Identify the methods of access (e.g., roadways, navigable bodies of water and dockage, airlift, etc.) to the site that are expected to be available after a widespread large scale natural event.**

Various types of transport to RBS are applicable including: walking, personal vehicle and helicopter.

Entergy currently has a letter of agreement (LOA) with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to obtain logistical support for the transport of emergency responders to RBS in the event of a large-scale natural disaster that inhibits site access. LDEQ / GOHSEP are the central coordinating agencies for

mutual aid in Louisiana for all state, local, and federal resources. This would include clearing of access roads as conditions warrant, water and air transportation support, etc. as needed.

The following agreements/memberships are already in-place for assistance and/or services:

- Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)
- Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
- West Feliciana Sheriff's Offices LOA
- West Feliciana Fire District #1 LOA (as the primary offsite responder the WF FD #1 has mutual aid agreements for assistance from multiple other local fire departments)
- Baton Rouge Area Mutual Aid System member

In support of these agreements Entergy is evaluating additional potential staging areas to be used by the emergency responders, if they are available, as common locations for transport to the RBS site. This evaluation will be completed by October 30, 2012.

**RFI 5 – Identify any interim actions that have been taken or are planned prior to the completion of the staffing assessment.**

River Bend is currently assessing initial on-shift ERO staffing at RBS for design-basis event conditions in response to the requirements of changes to 10CFR Parts 50, Appendix E, Section IV(A)(9), by December 24, 2012. Although limited to the time following a design-basis event initiation until the on-shift ERO is augmented, this assessment is expected to provide an initial indication of the adequacy of staffing to respond to beyond design-basis events.

Food and water inventories are maintained at RBS to support the extended presence of emergency workers.

**References:**

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**Attachment 2 to**

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**List of Regulatory Commitments**

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The following table identifies those actions committed to by Entergy in this document. Any other statements in this submittal are provided for information purposes and are not considered to be regulatory commitments.

COMMITMENT	TYPE (Check One)		SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE (If Required)
	ONE- TIME ACTION	CONTINUING COMPLIANCE	
Include instructions for Emergency Response Organization (ERO) to respond to their assigned emergency response facilities when made aware of an area-wide loss-of-grid in the ERO annual requalification training program.	X		December 12, 2012
Entergy is evaluating additional potential staging areas to be used by the emergency responders, if they are available, as common locations for transport to the affected site.	X		October 30, 2012