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September 7, 2012

Mr. Michael Perito
Vice President, Site
Entergy Operations, Inc.
P.O. Box 756
Port Gibson, MS 39150

SUBJECT: REVISION OF SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF REVIEW OF THE GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (TAC NO. ME 7493)

Dear Mr. Perito:

Enclosed is a revised schedule for the review of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), license renewal application (LRA). The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) LRA acceptance letter dated December 16, 2011, noted that the LRA did not provide sufficient plant-specific information in the program descriptions for aging management programs (AMPs) where you claim consistency with the Generic Aging Lesson Learned (GALL) Report recommendations and that the staff would need to verify the changes resulting from the pending extended power uprate (EPU) amendment, the outcome of which was indeterminate at that time. The letter also noted that the lack of sufficient plant-specific information and the pending EPU amendment would likely challenge staff resources. In the course of the GGNS safety review, the staff has required additional resources during audits and in preparation of requests for additional information (RAIs) to verify AMP consistency and to verify changes resulting from your recently-approved EPU amendment. Therefore, the staff's safety review schedule has been revised to account for the need to process additional RAIs beyond what is expected and the need to issue a greater number than expected of followup RAIs based on the quality of initial responses.

Additionally, the staff noted in its letter to you dated August 28, 2012, that additional followup RAIs related to severe accident mitigation alternatives were needed. As discussed with Mr. Buckley of your staff, a mutually agreeable date for the response is within 45 days from the letter dated August 28, 2012. The staff has extended the environmental review schedule to accommodate review of your responses to these followup RAIs. Furthermore, the final licensing decision has been revised to a to-be-determined status pending resolution of the Commission direction on waste confidence.

If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Mr. Nathaniel Ferrer, Project Manager, for the review of the GGNS LRA, by telephone at 301-415-1045 or by e-mail at nathaniel.ferrer@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie A. Galloway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Melanie A. Galloway, Acting Director
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
REVISION OF SCHEDULE

Milestone	Schedule	Actual
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	11/1/2011	11/1/2011
Publish Federal Register Notice (FRN) – LRA availability	11/2011	11/17/2011
Publish FRN – acceptance/rejection and opportunity for hearing	12/2011	12/27/2011
Publish FRN – environmental scoping meeting	12/2011	12/29/2011
Audit – Scoping & Screening Methodology	1/9/2012	1/9/2012
Audit – Aging Management Programs	1/23/2012	1/23/2012
Public Meeting – License Renewal Overview and Environmental Scoping meeting	1/31/2012	1/31/2012
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	2/2012	2/27/2012
Environmental scoping period ends	2/2012	2/27/2012
Audit – Environmental	3/26/2012	3/27/2012- 3/29/2012
Inspection – Regional	8/2012	8/6/2012
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open items	1/2013	
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee meeting	3/2013	
Issue draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)	2/2013	
Publish FRN – draft SEIS available for comments	3/2013	
Public Meeting – draft SEIS meeting	4/2013	
End of draft SEIS comment period	5/2013	
Issue final SER	7/2013	
ACRS full committee meeting	9/2013	
Issue final SEIS	8/2013	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FRN Published – availability of final SEIS	9/2013	
Decision – Director, NRR	TBD	
Commission decision (if hearing is granted)	TBD	

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Letter to M. Perito From M. Galloway dated September 7, 2012

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