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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE REVISION FOR THE SAFETY REVIEW OF THE DAVIS-BESSE
NUCLEAR POWER STATION, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
(TAC NO. ME4640)

Dear Mr. Lieb:

By letter dated August 27, 2010, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) submitted an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51 and 10 CFR Part 54, to renew Operating License NPF-003 for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 (Davis-Besse), for review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff).

Enclosed is the NRC staff's revised safety review schedule for the Davis-Besse license renewal application (LRA). The staff has revised the license renewal review schedule to delay the final safety evaluation report (SER) issuance and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards full committee meeting by three months each because the staff requires additional time to resolve open items and complete a thorough review of additional information regarding the aging management program for the shield building cracks.

To support the revised schedule milestones, your responses to the staff's request for additional information (RAI) must be complete and provided in a timely manner. After receiving the RAI responses, the staff will review and incorporate the responses into its safety review. Any delay in your responses could result in additional revisions to the enclosed schedule with the potential of leaving milestone schedule dates to be determined until responses are received and appropriately factored into a new schedule. We request that you inform the NRC as soon as possible regarding any potential delays.

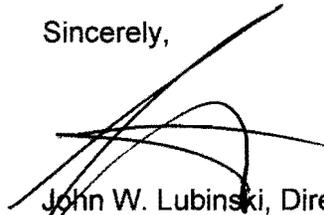
We would like to emphasize that the NRC staff will make every effort to meet the revised schedule milestones. The NRC will continue to follow established review procedures and the enclosed safety review schedule to complete the reviews required by 10 CFR Part 54.

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If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Mr. Brian K. Harris, Project Manager for the review of the Davis-Besse LRA safety review, by telephone at 301-415-2277 or by e-mail at brian.harris2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, fluid strokes that form a cursive-like shape, positioned above the typed name.

John W. Lubinski, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-346

Enclosure:
Revised safety review schedule

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DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
UPDATED SAFETY REVIEW SCHEDULE

Milestones	Schedule Date	Actual Date
Receive license renewal application (LRA)	08/30/10	08/30/10
Publish <i>Federal Register</i> Notice (FRN) - LRA receipt and availability	09/17/10	09/20/10
Publish FRN - LRA acceptability and opportunity for hearing	10/20/10	10/25/10
Public Meeting - license renewal process and environmental scoping	11/04/10	11/04/10
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	12/24/10	12/24/10
Audit - scoping and screening methodology	01/24/11	01/24/11
Audit - aging management programs (AMPs)	02/14/11	02/14/11
Inspection - scoping, screening, and AMPs	04/2011	04/25/11
Safety Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) - Issued	04/29/11	04/29/11
Safety RAIs – First Round Responses Received	05/30/11	05/30/11
Issue safety evaluation report (SER) with open items(s)	7/2012	7/31/12
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) subcommittee meeting on SER with open item(s)	9/19/12	9/19/12
Issue SER	1/2013	
ACRS full committee meeting on SER	3/2013	
NRR Decision	TBD	
Commission Decision (hearing pending)	TBD	

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