

June 6, 2013

Mr. Peter W. Smith, Director
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SUBJECT: FERMIL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT 3 COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION REVIEW SCHEDULE

Dear Mr. Smith:

Recently imposed budget constraints have resulted in substantial impacts on licensing activities associated with combined license and early site permit applications. These constraints have impacted some of the work being performed for the review of DTE Electric Company's combined license application (COLA) for Fermi 3 as described below.

The environmental review was completed in January 2013 and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has ensured that with the funding resources that remain, the Fermi 3 environmental hearing will not be affected and the staff anticipates conducting the hearing this fall as scheduled. The NRC staff has assessed the safety review schedule for the Fermi 3 COL application to determine schedule adjustments necessary to complete the review. As part of the assessment it has become necessary to reschedule the upcoming June audit at the Sergeant and Lundy office in Chicago. This audit will be rescheduled for later this year. The NRC staff anticipates that DTE Electric Company will continue to provide their various submittals, such as the Soil Structure Interaction (SSI) report, the Site Specific SSI report, and the request for additional information (RAI) responses, as scheduled. The staff will continue their review of all submitted documents.

The NRC is taking steps to mitigate the effects of the budget constraints by looking for opportunities to use its current staff and expertise, as resources permit, to continue the review of applications. However, the use of current staff and expertise will require additional time for staff review of all of the reports and RAI responses. The staff currently anticipates a six month delay in the current Fermi 3 safety review schedule.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the lead project manager, Adrian Muñiz at 301-415-4093 or via e-mail address at Adrian.Muniz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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**Detroit Edison Company – Fermi 3 Combined License Application
Review Milestones**

Safety Review		
Key Milestones	Current Completion Date Actual – A Target T	New Completion Date Actual – A Target – T
Phase 1 – Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) and Supplemental RAIs	8/20/2010 – A	08/20/2010 - A
Phase 2 – Advanced Final Safety Evaluation Report (SER) without Open Items	June 2014 - T	December 2014 - T
Phase 3 – Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Review of SER without Open Items	October 2014 - T	April 2015 - T
Phase 4 – Final SER	January 2015 - T	July 2015 - T

Environmental Review	
Key Milestones	Completion Date
Phase 1 – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping Summary Report Issued	07/02/09 - A
Phase 2 – EPA Issues Federal Register Notice of Filing for Draft EIS/Draft EIS Complete	10/2011 - A
Phase 3 – Federal Register Notice of Availability of the Final EIS Published/Final EIS Complete	01/2013 - A

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