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By letter dated June 25, 2013, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) (the licensee) submitted an updated evaluation of PTS for Palisades Nuclear Plant (PNP). With the updated evaluation, ENO has requested approval for PNP to adjust the date on which it reaches the PTS Screening Criterion described in Title 10 of the US Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), part 50, section 61. The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this 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 PTS Evaluation has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed the June 25, 2013 submittal and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed evaluation in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. 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. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact the PNP Project Manager, Mahesh Chawla, at (301) 415-8371 or myself at (301) 415-2855

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