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Mr. Kevin Walsh, Site Vice President  
c/o Michael Ossing  
Seabrook Station  
NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC  
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SUBJECT: SEABROOK STATION, UNIT NO. 1 – ACCEPTANCE LETTER REGARDING LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST 13-03, "APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REGARDING RISK-INFORMED JUSTIFICATIONS FOR RELOCATION OF SPECIFIC FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS TO A LICENSEE CONTROLLED PROGRAM" (TAC NO. MF1958)

Dear Mr. Walsh:

By letter dated May 28, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML13155A002), NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (NextEra) submitted license amendment request (LAR) 13-03 for Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1 (Seabrook). The proposed change is to the Seabrook Technical Specification (TS). Specifically, the proposed amendment would modify TS by relocating specific surveillance frequencies to a licensee-controlled program with implementation of Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 04-10, "Risk-Informed Technical Specification Initiative 5b, Risk-Informed Method for Control of Surveillance Frequencies." The changes are consistent with NRC-approved Technical Specifications Task Force Standard Technical Specifications change TSTF-425, "Relocate Surveillance Frequencies to Licensee Control- Risk Informed Technical Specifications Task Force (RITSTF) Initiative 5 b," Revision 3, (ADAMS Accession No. ML090850642). The *Federal Register* notice published on July 6, 2009 (74 FR 31996), announced the availability of this TS improvement.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment and exemption 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 application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.90, an amendment to the license (including the TSs) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

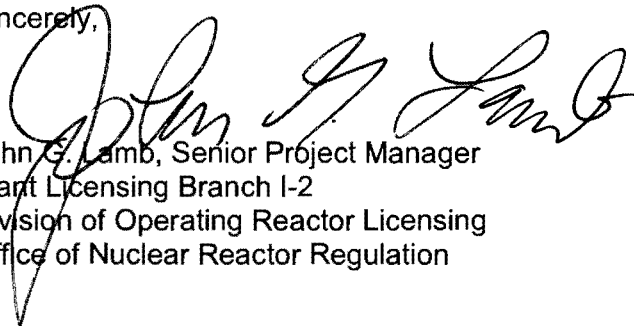
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The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the NRC staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John G. Lamb, Senior Project Manager  
Plant Licensing Branch I-2  
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing  
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