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September 25, 2013

Mr. Larry Meyer
Site Vice President
NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC
Point Beach Nuclear Plant
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Two Rivers, WI 54241

SUBJECT: POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF LICENSING ACTION RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO TRANSITION TO NFPA 805, “PERFORMANCE-BASED STANDARD FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR LIGHT WATER REACTOR ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANTS” (TAC NOS. MF2372 AND MF2373)

Dear Mr. Meyer:

By letter dated June 26, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML131820453), NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC (NextEra) submitted a license amendment request for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Point Beach). The proposed amendment request would transition the fire protection licensing basis at Point Beach to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.48(c), National Fire Protection Association Standard NFPA 805. 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 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 Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) 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.

In an e-mail dated September 9, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13256A197), the NRC staff informed NextEra that supplemental information was required to enable the staff to make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment request in terms of regulatory requirements and protection of public health and safety and the environment. In response to the NRC staff’s request, NextEra provided supplemental information in a letter dated September 16, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13259A273).

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and supplemental information, and concluded that there is now technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as

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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 me at (301) 415-3049, or via e-mail at Terry.Beltz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry A. Beltz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Terry A. Beltz, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch III-1
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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