

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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August 7, 2014

Mr. Dean Curtland, Site Vice President Seabrook Station c/o Mr. Michael Ossing NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC P.O. Box 300 Seabrook, NH 03874

## SUBJECT: SEABROOK STATION, UNIT NO. 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (LAR) – 14-01, APPLICATION TO REVISE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TO ADOPT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TASK FORCE (TSTF) TRAVELER -423, "GENERIC LETTER 2008-01, MANAGING GAS ACCUMULATION," USING THE CONSOLIDATED LINE ITEM IMPROVEMENT PROCESS (TAC NO. MF4307)

Dear Mr. Curtland:

By letter dated June 24, 2014, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML14177A503), NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (NextEra) requested an amendment to the Technical Specifications (TS) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-86 for Seabrook Station (Seabrook), Unit 1. The proposed amendment would modify TS requirements to address U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Generic Letter (GL) 2008-01, "Managing Gas Accumulation in Emergency Core Cooling, Decay Heat Removal, and Containment Spray Systems," as described in TSTF-523, Revision 2, "Generic Letter 2008-01, Managing Gas Accumulation." NextEra committed to submit this proposed change by letter dated October 14, 2008 (ADAMS Accession No. ML082910040).

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the 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.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application 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 amendment 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

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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) 415-3100 or via e-mail at John.Lamb@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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