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September 9, 2014

Mr. Dean Curtland, Site Vice President
c/o Michael Ossing
Seabrook Station
NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC
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SUBJECT: SEABROOK STATION, UNIT 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING AMENDMENT REQUEST AND EXEMPTION REGARDING REVISED REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM PRESSURE-TEMPERATURE LIMITS (TAC NO. MF4576 AND MF4577)

Dear Mr. Curtland:

By letter dated July 24, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14216A404) NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (NextEra or the licensee) requested a license amendment request to revise the Seabrook Station Technical Specification (TS) and an exemption from the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix G. The proposed change is a request to revise the reactor coolant system (RCS) pressure-temperature limits applicable for 55 effective full-power years, provide new overpressure protection setpoints, and lowering the RCS temperature at which the TS is applicable.

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 following the email sent on August 21, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14239A589). 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 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 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,

John G. Lamb, Senior Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch I-2
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