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Mr. David J. Wrona, Chief
Environmental Review and Guidance Update Branch
Division of License Renewal
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Wrona:

Please refer to your November 14, 2014, letter, requesting U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) concurrence regarding the sufficiency of the proposed monitoring plan described in Ameren's October 31, 2014, formal letter of commitment (Commitment) for the Callaway Missouri Plant, Unit 1, License Renewal. We have reviewed your letter, as well as Ameren's Commitment and submit the following comments pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1969, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544).

The Service had worked with the applicant and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to develop the approach described in the Commitment to address outstanding information needs regarding project effects on the federally endangered pallid sturgeon. We appreciate the efforts of both Ameren and the NRC to collaboratively work through this process. Based on the information in your letter and the Commitment, the Service concurs with the NRC that the Commitment will meet our minimum information needs to proceed with our section 7 ESA consultation.

We look forward to working with the NRC and the applicant to best address our shared responsibility towards endangered species conservation. If you have questions or comments for the Service, please contact Ms. Jane Ledwin at 573-234-2132, extension 109 or jane_ledwin@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Amy Salveter
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