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SUBJECT: Combined License Application - Withdrawal

Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 3
Docket No. 52-024

- REFERENCES:
1. Entergy Operations, Inc. letter to the NRC, *Application for a Combined License for Grand Gulf Unit 3*, dated February 27, 2008 (ADAMS Accession No. ML080640433)
 2. Entergy Operations, Inc. letter to the NRC, *Grand Gulf Unit 3 and River Bend Station Unit 3 COLA Reviews*, dated January 9, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML090130174)
 3. NRC letter to Entergy Operations, Inc., *Staff Review of the Combined License Application for Grand Gulf Unit 3*, dated January 12, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML090080523)
 4. Entergy Operations, Inc. letter to the NRC, *Combined License Application Request for Exemption*, dated October 16, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14289A520)

Dear Sir or Madam:

In Reference 1, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) submitted to the NRC an application for a combined license (COL) for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 3 (GGNS3). The application is based on the General Electric - Hitachi (GEH) Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) technology.

In Reference 2, Entergy requested the NRC suspend their review of the GGNS3 COL application until further notice pending Entergy's re-evaluation of alternative reactor technologies. As requested, the NRC suspended their review activities, as documented in Reference 3.

On October 15, 2014, the NRC promulgated rulemaking that revised 10 CFR Part 52 to include Appendix E – *Design Certification Rule for the Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor*. Because Entergy had not yet requested the GGNS3 COL application review be reactivated or withdrawn at the time Appendix E was promulgated, in Reference 4 Entergy requested an exemption from certain requirements of the appendix.

By this letter, Entergy hereby withdraws the GGNS3 COL application and the associated exemption request submitted in References 1 and 4, respectively.

This letter contains no new commitments.

Should you have any questions, please contact Guy Davant at (601) 368-5756.

Sincerely,



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