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Subject: Acceptance Review - Relief Request Nos. RR 5-2 and RR 5-3 - Proposed Alternative, for the Fifth 10-Year Inservice Test Interval (MF6248)

Mr. Miksa and Mr. Erickson,

By letter dated May 19, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15142A643), Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee) submitted two request for relief (proposed alternative) for the Palisades Nuclear Plant (PNP). RR 5-2 proposes to use American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Case OMN-20, "Inservice Test [IST] Frequency" as an alternative to the test frequencies specified in ASME OM Division 1 Section IST for pumps and valves. RR 5-3 proposes to use a previously authorized relief for the current fourth 10-year IST interval concerning stroke timing requirements of the ASME OM Code.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this 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.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(z)(1) and 50.55a(z)(2) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

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. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1530.

Thanks,
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