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## SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALLS FERMI 2 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION AUGUST 4, AND 18, 2015

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#### RAIs B.1.3-1 and B.1.3-1a

#### Background:

By letters dated January 26, 2015, and April 10, 2015, the applicant provided its response to RAIs B.1.3-1 and B.1.3-1a, respectively. The applicant's response did not provide sufficient information to address the staff's concerns.

### **Discussion**:

During a conference call held on August 4, 2015, the applicant discussed its plan to submit a commitment to install neutron absorbing inserts in the spent fuel pool at Fermi 2 prior to the period of extended operation, eliminating the need for a Boraflex Monitoring Program.

During a subsequent conference call held on August 18, 2015, the staff discussed with the applicant potential options, based on information available, to address its concerns regarding the applicant's Boraflex Monitoring Program.

By letter dated September 24, 2015, the applicant submitted an update to the Fermi 2 LRA related to the Boraflex Monitoring Program. In the letter, the applicant stated that the Boraflex currently utilized in the spent fuel racks will not be credited for neutron absorption during the period of extended operation. The applicant indicated that the Boraflex Monitoring Program will not be relied upon during this same period.

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