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Subject: BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT 2 - ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: REQUEST TO EXTEND CERTAIN REACTOR VESSEL INSPECTIONS FROM 10 TO 20 YEARS (REQUESTS 2TYP-3-BA-01 AND 2-TYP-3-BN-01) (CAC NO. MF7217)

Dear Mr. Thomas Lentz,

By letter dated December 22, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15356A340), FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company submitted a relief request for Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. (BVPS-2). The proposed relief request concerns the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* (Code) Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components." Specifically, the request proposes to extend the inservice inspection interval for certain BVPS-2 interior attachment welds within the reactor beltline region and reactor vessel core support structure surfaces from 10 to 20 years.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this relief 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* (10 CFR), 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 staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed relief request 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) 415-7128.

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