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James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
P.O. Box 110  
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SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT – ACCEPTANCE OF  
REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: CYBER SECURITY  
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE (CAC NO. MF8920)

Dear Sir or Madam:

By application dated December 8, 2016, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy) submitted a license amendment request for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (JAFNPP). The proposed amendment would change the JAFNPP's Cyber Security Plan Milestone 8 full implementation date as set forth in the Cyber Security Plan Implementation Schedule as previously approved. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment 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.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following, as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

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. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

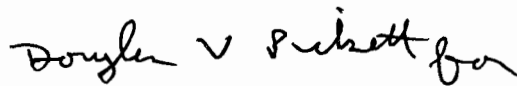
Based on the information provided in your submittal and discussions during the pre-licensing conference call on November 22, 2016, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 80 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately 12 months, which is December 15, 2017. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or

significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change due to several factors, including requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, and review by NRC advisory committees or hearing-related activities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3629 or [Diane.Render@nrc.gov](mailto:Diane.Render@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane L. Render". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

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