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10 CFR 72.30

ATTN: Document Control Desk
Director, Division of Spent Fuel Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-001

SUBJECT:
Beaver Valley Power Station ISFSI
Docket No. 72-1043
Annual Financial Test for a Parent Company Guarantee

The Ohio Edison Company and The Toledo Edison Company maintain a \$4 million parent company guarantee (PG) from their parent, FirstEnergy Corp. (FE), for obligations associated with the decommissioning of the Beaver Valley Power Station independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI).

The annual FE financial test that provides assurance that FE can support the aforementioned PG is enclosed. The test was prepared in accordance with 10 CFR 30, Appendix A, "Criteria Relating to Use of Financial Tests and Parent Company Guarantees for Providing Reasonable Assurance of Funds for Decommissioning." The enclosure also includes a report by independent accountants of their review of the financial test.

There are no regulatory commitments contained in this letter. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Thomas A. Lentz, Manager – Fleet Licensing, at (330) 315-6810.

Sincerely,



Gregory H. Halnon
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Laboratory Services

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Enclosure:

Financial Test and Certification for FirstEnergy Corp.

cc: NRC Region I Administrator
NRC Resident Inspector
NRC Project Manager
Director BRP/DEP
Site BRP/DEP Representative

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Financial Test and Certification for FirstEnergy Corp.
(Five pages follow)

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March 17, 2017

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Subject: FirstEnergy Corp. Guarantee of Funds for Decommissioning:
Letter from Chief Financial Officer to Demonstrate Financial Assurance

I am the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of FirstEnergy Corp., 76 South Main Street, Akron Ohio 44308, an Ohio corporation. This letter is in support of this firm's use of the financial test to demonstrate financial assurance, as specified in CFR Part 72.

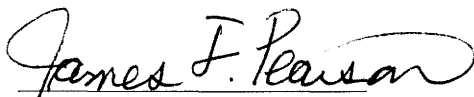
This firm is qualified to provide parent company guarantees, up to \$4 million for the decommissioning costs for the portions of the following facilities owned by subsidiaries of this firm. The current cost estimate and the amount to be guaranteed are shown for the following facilities:

Name of Facility	Location of Facility	Current Cost Estimates	Amount to be Guaranteed
Beaver Valley Power Station Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Docket No. 72-1043	Shippingport, PA	\$ 1,687,324	\$ 4,000,000

FirstEnergy Corp. is required to file a Form 10-K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the latest fiscal year.

The fiscal year of FirstEnergy Corp. ends on December 31st. The figures for the following items (Financial Test II: Alternative II) marked with double asterisks are derived from FirstEnergy Corp.'s independently audited, year-end financial statements and footnotes for the latest completed fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

I hereby certify that the content of this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James F. Pearson
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, FirstEnergy Corp.
March 17, 2017

FINANCIAL TEST: ALTERNATIVE II
(10 CFR part 30 App. A. Section II A.2.)
FirstEnergy Corp. Guarantee of Funds for Decommissioning
Dollars in Millions

1. Guaranteed amount for the following Units: Beaver Valley Power Station, ISFSI	\$	4.0
2. Current bond rating of most recent unsecured issuance of this firm		Baa3
Rating		Moody's
Name of Rating Service		
3. Date of issuance of bond		3/5/2013
4. Date of maturity of bond		3/15/2018 & 3/15/2023
**5. Tangible Net Worth	\$	503
*6. Total assets in the United States (required only if less than 90 percent of firm's assets are located in the United States)		See line 9 below
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
7. Is Line 5 at least \$21 million?	X	
8. Is line 5 at least 6 times line 1?	X	
9. Are at least 90 percent of the firm's assets located in the United States? If not, complete line 10.	X	
10. Is line 6 at least 6 times line 1?	N/A	
11. Is the rating specified on line 2 "BBB" or better (if issued by Standard and Poor's) or "Baa" or better (if issued by Moody's)?	X	

* Denotes figures derived from financial statements.

** Tangible Net Worth is defined as FirstEnergy Corp. total equity minus goodwill, patents, trademarks and copyrights; and FirstEnergy Corp.'s net book value for Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1 and 2.

FIRSTENERGY CORP.
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
Dollars in Millions

<u>Line Number in CFO's Letter</u>	<u>Per Financial Statements</u>
Total Equity	\$ 6,241
Less: Goodwill, Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights	5,618
Other Intangible Assets	120
Net Book Value Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1 & 2	<u>-</u>
5 – Tangible Net Worth	<u><u>\$ 503</u></u>



Report of Independent Accountants

To FirstEnergy Corp.:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by management of FirstEnergy Corp. (the "Company") solely to assist you in evaluating the Company's compliance with the financial test as of December 31, 2016 performed in accordance with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the "NRC") Regulations 10 CFR Part 50 and CFR Part 72 as mandated by the Parent Company Guarantees. Management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. For the purpose of this report, we have:

1. Read the letter, dated March 17, 2017, from your Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer to the NRC regarding the \$4 million Parental Company Guarantees and performed the following procedures, which were applied as explained below:
 - A. Traced and agreed the amounts in the column "Per Financial Statements", to a schedule prepared by the Company from its audited financial statements.
 - B. Traced and agreed the Tangible Net Worth in column "Per Financial Statements" to line item #5 on the Company's Financial Test: Alternative II.
 - C. Recomputed the Tangible Net Worth by subtracting the Company's goodwill, patents, trademarks, copyrights; Other Intangible Assets; and FirstEnergy Corp.'s net book value of Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1 and 2 from the Company's stockholders' equity.
 - D. Inquired of the Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer regarding whether any off balance sheet transactions exist that could materially adversely affect the ability of the Company to pay decommissioning costs. He responded that all material off-balance sheet transactions have been disclosed in the Company's financial statements as filed in its 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and he does not believe that any of the off-balance sheet transactions will materially adversely affect the Company's ability to pay decommissioning costs. We did not perform any further procedures to substantiate management's response.
 - E. We compared the bond ratings per line 2 of the Letter to information obtained as of March 17, 2017 from an external, publicly available source as follows:

Rating per line 2 of the Letter	Rating per external source	External Source
Baa3	Baa3	Moody's

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.



This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of the Company and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
March 17, 2017