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Good afternoon Mr. Ford,

By letter dated September 21, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML17268A213), Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee), acting on behalf of the subject licensees, as well as their parent companies and itself, submitted an application for an order approving the transfers of licenses and conforming amendments regarding Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (ANO), Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (GGNS), River Bend Station, Unit 1 (RBS), and Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford) and the associated independent spent fuel storage installation facilities for ANO, GGNS, RBS, and Waterford.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this above 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 50.80 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an application for transfer of a license shall include as much of the information as described in Sections 50.33 and 50.34 of 10 CFR, with respect to identity and technical and financial qualifications of the proposed transferee as would be required by those sections if the application were for an initial license. Also, consistent with 10 CFR 50.90, an amendment to the license 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 license transfer 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. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately **358 hours** to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately **9 months** as of the date of this acceptance review, which is August, 2018. 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, and unanticipated addition of scope to the review.

Additional delay may occur if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance or in parallel with industry program initiatives or pilot applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1233 or Margaret.O'Banion@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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