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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 6, 2018

Ms. Melissa Darden, Chairman
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF
RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-458

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As discussed in the draft SEIS, the NRC staff's preliminary determination is that license renewal would not adversely affect any known historic properties. Further, the NRC's preliminary recommendation is that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for RBS are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning decision-makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on (1) the analysis and findings in NUREG 1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Revision 2," (2) the environmental report submitted by Entergy; (3) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal and local agencies; and (4) consideration of public comments received during the scoping process.

A copy of the draft SEIS is enclosed. The draft SEIS is also available through the web-based version of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html> under ADAMS Accession No. ML18143B736. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), we are requesting your comments on the draft SEIS and on our preliminary conclusions. Electronic comments on the draft SEIS may be submitted to the NRC by accessing www.regulations.gov and searching for Docket ID NRC-2017-0141. Written comments should be submitted by mail to the NRC at:

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Please note that the public comment period for the draft SEIS ends on July 23, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Robert Hoffman, Environmental Scientist, at 301-415-1107 or by e-mail at Robert.Hoffman@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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