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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  
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RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Docket No. 50-458

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

Dear Chairman Osceola:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting a review of the environmental effects of renewing the operating license for River Bend Station, Unit 1 (RBS). RBS is operated by Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) and is located in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, approximately 24 miles north-northwest of Baton Rouge, LA. As part of its review of the proposed action, the NRC has prepared a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) that includes analyses of relevant environmental issues, including potential impacts to historic, archeological and cultural properties from activities associated with license renewal.

As stated in our letter to your tribe dated September 15, 2017, the NRC is conducting Section 106 consultations in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) through the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as outlined in 36 CFR 800.8(c). The NRC has determined that the area of potential effect (APE) for a license renewal action is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by post-license renewal land disturbing operation or projected refurbishment activities associated with the proposed action. The NRC views the APE for the RBS license renewal as including the RBS site and immediate environs.

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](http://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](mailto:Robert.Hoffman@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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