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Dear Ms. Ma:

On June 7, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a notice in the *Federal Register* soliciting public comments on the agency's draft letter to the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) regarding the clarification of regulatory paths for Lead Test Assemblies (LTA). Duke Energy has been an active participant in industry meetings regarding this topic and endorses the June 27, 2018 letter from NEI that provides comments on the NRC's draft letter.

No new commitments have been made in this submittal. If you have additional questions, please contact Art Zaremba, Manager – Nuclear Fleet Licensing, at 980-373-2062.

Sincerely,

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