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Michael L. Corradini, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
REPORT ON THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION FOR RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1

Dear Dr. Corradini:

During the 658th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, held on November 1–3, 2018, the Committee completed its review of Entergy Operations, Inc.'s (Entergy) license renewal application for River Bend Station, Unit 1 (RBS). The Committee also reviewed the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's associated final safety evaluation report for this application.

In the Committee's final report, dated November 15, 2018, the Committee agreed with the NRC staff that there are no open license renewal issues that would prevent the NRC from issuing a renewed operating license authorizing an additional 20 years of operation at RBS. The Committee also concluded that Entergy's aging management programs provide reasonable assurance that it can operate RBS in accordance with its current licensing basis for the period of extended operation without undue risk to the health and safety of the public. As such, the Committee concluded that the NRC should approve the RBS license renewal application.

The NRC staff appreciates the Committee's objective and in-depth review of both the RBS license renewal application and the staff's final safety evaluation report.

As always, the NRC staff recognizes the Committee's important role in the license renewal process and appreciates the Committee's continuing commitment to safety.

Sincerely,

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Ho K. Nieh, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

cc: Chairman Svinicki
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