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Dear Ms. Ma:

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In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Generic EIS for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 58, Regarding River Bend Station, Unit 1 (CEQ No. 20180273). The purpose of the River Bend Station license renewal is to extend nuclear power generation capabilities for an additional twenty years beyond the expiration of the current license, which expires on August 29, 2025.

EPA provided comments for the draft EIS on July 19, 2018. Our comments focused on tritium mitigation and the potential effects of tritium in groundwater. The final EIS includes a more detailed description of tritium sampling efforts and potential mitigation measures that would be implemented to prevent contamination. We have no additional comments on this project.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the final EIS. If you have any questions regarding our comments, the staff contact for the project is Keith Hayden. He can be reached at (214) 665-2133 or via email at [hayden.keith@epa.gov](mailto:hayden.keith@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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