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Subject: Acceptance Review - Beaver Valley Unit 2: Exemption from Specific Provisions of 10 CFR Appendix H (L-2018-LLE-0025)
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Phil,

By letter dated December 18, 2018 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS Accession No. ML18352A684), FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) submitted an exemption request for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and approval. Specifically, FENOC is requesting an exemption from specific provisions of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 50), Appendix H, "Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program," to exempt Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 2, from having to submit the tests results of capsule Y to the NRC. The capsule contents will be inventoried and placed in storage so that they are retrievable for future testing if it becomes necessary.

The purpose of this email is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this exemption request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR 50 which are authorized by law, will not present undue risk to the public health and safety, are consistent with the common defense and security, and special circumstances are present.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed exemption in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 150 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review by your requested date of July 29, 2019. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date (greater than a month) or significant changes in the forecasted hours (greater than 25%), the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates will be communicated, during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

These estimates are based on the staff's initial review of the application and they could

change, due to several factors including requests for additional information and unanticipated addition of scope to the review.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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