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**From:** Goetz, Sujata  
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**To:** Jason R Haas  
**Subject:** Fermi 2 – Acceptance Review of DTE Relief Requests VRR-006 and VRR-009

Dear Mr. Haas,

By letter dated June 14, 2019 (Agencywide Document and Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19165A134), DTE Energy Company submitted four relief requests for Fermi 2. The requests are as follows:

- VRR-004, Relief to Utilize Diagnostic Testing to Confirm Obturator Verification
- VRR-006, Alternative for Preservice Testing of Butterfly Valves
- VRR-007, Relief from Conducting Obturator Verification for Certain Power Operated Valves
- VRR-009, Alternative for Motor Operated Valve Preservice/Inservice Testing

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of relief requests VRR-006 and VRR-009. 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.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application with respect to VRR-006 and VRR-009 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 amendment 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. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that the licensing requests pertaining to VRR-001 and VRR-005 will take approximately 160 hours each, a total of 320 hours to complete both requests. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately 12 months, which is June 2020. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, 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 NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, and review by NRC advisory committees or hearing-related activities. Additional delay may occur if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance or in parallel with industry program initiatives or pilot applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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