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Docket Nos. 50-416 and 50-417

> Mr. N. L. Stampley, Vice President Production and Engineering Mississippi Power and Light Company P. O. Box 1640 Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Mr. Stampley:

SUBJECT: GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 1 AND 2 MEETING TO RESOLVE OPEN ITEMS IN FSAR SECTIONS 3.6 THROUGH 3.10 INCLUSIVE

Our review of your application for the Grand Gulf Nucless Station has progressed to the point that we now have a draft Safety Evaluation Report (SEP) in the mechanical engineering area. We propose to accelerate the remainder of our review of the mechanical engineering area on an experimental basis, as discussed below.

We request that your staff (1) review the enclosed draft SER input, (2) prepare responses to resolve each of the open items and (3) meet with the NRC staff at a mutually agreeable time and place where your staff will present and discuss your responses and proposed solutions for each open item.

The objective of this meeting is to resolve each open item during the meeting without resorting to further written questions and answers. In addition to our consultant, Batelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, we intend to have appropriate NRC technical personnel attend the meeting, through and including those at the Assistant Director level. We request that you be represented by equivalent level of management and by representatives of your NSSS vendor and architect-engineer so that decisions can be approved. Any necessary appeals would subsequently be handled at the NRC Division Director level.

When your staff has had sufficient time to review the draft SER input and has prepared responses to resolve each open item, you should develop an agenda for a meeting to close out the open items and propose to us a time and location for that meeting. We will then issue a meeting notice. As interested members of the public may wish to attend the meeting, notice must be issued a minimum of two weeks before the meeting is held. Please select a site which will not preclude members of the public from attending.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call us. Based on the outcome of this meeting (and similar meetings for Susquehanna and San Onofre), we may wish to us this type of review in other areas of your application.

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Sincerely,

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Robert L. Baer, Chief Light Water Reactors Branch No. 2 Division of Project Management

Enclosure: Grand Gulf Draft SER

ccs w/o enclosure: See next page

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