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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Station P1-137 Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Document Control Desk

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Unit 1 Docket No. 50-416 License No. NPF-29 Amendment No. 65 to Facility Operating License Regarding Transfer of Operations to Entergy Operations, Inc. AECM-90/0086

Amendment No. 65, issued December 14, 1989, implements the authorization to transfer control and performance of licensed activities from System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI) to Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI). The amendment was required to be implemented within 180 days of the date of issuance and upon the official transfer of responsibilities between SERI and EOI.

SERI has received all necessary regulatory approvals to transfer operating responsibility for Grand Gulf 1 to EOI with the exception of that of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). It is our understanding that the SEC is completing its review of our application for approval and will take action later this month. However, unanticipated delays in obtaining SEC approval may prevent the implementation of Amendment No. 65 within the specified 180 days (June 12, 1990). SERI, therefore, requests an extension of 90 days to provide additional time for this agency's review.

We believe this request to be reasonable and justified. While we believe that the SEC review will be completed before June 12, 1990, this extension is being requested to allow routine NRC review and approval to support the contingency should SEC approval not be received in a timely manner. Based on the guidelines presented in 10CFR50.92, SERI has concluded that this request involves no significant hazards considerations and does not change the Amendment No. 65 safety evaluation conclusions or their bases.

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This request has been reviewed by and accepted by the Plant Safety Review Committee and the Safety Review Committee.

Yours truly,

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BEFORE THE

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

LICENSE NO. NPF-29

DOCKET NO. 50-416

IN THE MATTER OF

MISSISSIPPI POWER & LIGHT COMPANY and SYSTEM ENERGY RESOURCES, INC. and SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

AFFIRMATION

I, W. T. Cottle, being duly sworn, state that I am Vice President, Nuclear Operations of System Energy Resources, Inc.; that on behalf of System Energy Resources, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association I am authorized by System Energy Resources, Inc. to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, this application for amendment of the Operating License of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station; that I signed this application as Vice President, Nuclear Operations of System Energy Resources, Inc.; and that the statements made and the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF CLAIBORNE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State above named, this _____ day of _____ , 1990.

Notary Public

T. Cottle

(SEAL)

My commission expires:

My Commission Expires July 1, 1993

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