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SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
Revised Walkdown Schedule for Resolution
of Unresolved Safety Issue A-46

Gentlemen:

In letter @CAN108802 (dated October 3, 1988), Entergy Operations provided the NRC a schedule for plant walkdowns associated with the implementation of Unresolved Safety Issue (USI) A-46 at Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO). The schedule for ANO-2 was for the Spring 1991 outage (2R8). This schedule was contingent upon the schedule for completion of generic efforts submitted by the Seismic Qualification Utility Group (SQUG) in its October 9, 1987, letter. The SQUG schedule provided for completion of the Generic Implementation Procedure (GIP) by the end of calendar 1988, followed by NRC review and issuance of a final SER in the first quarter of 1989.

It is our current understanding from discussions with the ANO-2 NRR Project Manager and from contacts at SQUG that the final SER for A-46 implementation will be delayed at least until late 1991. Based on this SER schedule slippage, the anticipated ANO-1 and ANO-2 plant walkdowns associated with the resolution of A-46 must be deferred at least one refueling outage. This would place the ANO-2 walkdowns occurring during 2R9 which is currently scheduled for November 1992. The walkdowns for ANO-1 will be deferred until 1R11 (currently scheduled for Fall 1993). Final schedules can only be determined after NRC's issuance of the SER.

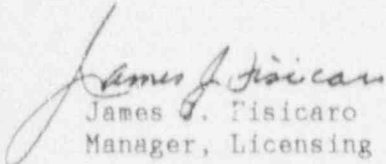
As stated in letter @CAN108802, Entergy Operations still intends to review the final GIP after approval by the NRC and resolution of all outstanding issues. Based on this review, Entergy Operations will either commit to pursue a generic resolution of USI A-46 or file a plant-specific response. Should the generic resolution be pursued, Entergy Operations may elect not to perform certain aspects of the generic program or take exception to certain commitments of the GIP based upon suitable justification.

In order to optimize our resources Entergy Operations desires to integrate the resolution of USI A-46 with the resolution of numerous other related seismic issues (e.g., Eastern Seismicity, Seismic Margins and Severe

Accident Individual Plant External Event Evaluations). In view of the uncertainties in the requirements and schedule for resolution of these related issues, it may be necessary for further schedule adjustment for the implementation of USI A-46 at ANO to integrate these potential future requirements into a single, cost-effective program. We believe this integration is essential to effectively utilize valuable industry and NRC resources.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact me.

Very truly yours,


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