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SUBJECT: INTERIM EXTENSION OF 120-MONTH INTERVAL FOR INSERVICE INSPECTION AND INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAMS FOR RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M93235)

Dear Mr. McGaha:

By letter dated October 21, 1993, Entergy Operations, Inc., submitted proposed alternatives to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a, paragraphs (f)(4)(ii), (f)(4)(iv), (g)(4)(ii), and (g)(4)(iv), requesting that the proposal be prioritized as a cost-beneficial licensing action (CBLA).

During its review of Entergy's October 21, 1993, request the staff concluded that Entergy's proposal involved generic considerations that could permit the staff to significantly reduce the regulatory burden on licensees without a significant impact on safety. Accordingly, the staff has initiated proposed rulemaking for 10 CFR 50.55a that will generically implement changes similar to the alternatives proposed by Entergy.

In a letter dated July 28, 1995, Entergy requested an extension of the current 120-month interval for the River Bend Station, to avoid an unnecessary update of their inservice inspection and inservice testing (ISI/IST) programs. An earlier request dated April 14, 1994, had been made for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1, and Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 and the staff has acted to approve those extensions. The April 14, 1994, request provides the basis for the extensions, and is also referenced by Entergy as applying to the River Bend Station.

We have completed our evaluation of Entergy's request for the River Bend Station. Extension of the current 120-month interval for a period to include one additional refueling outage beyond the current end dates of the interval is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). This extension of the current 120 month IST and ISI plan does not authorize elimination of any of the testing and/or inspection activities called for under the existing plan.

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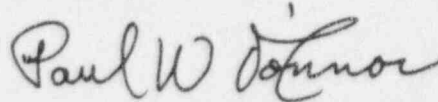
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Also, the shortness of the next interval does not lead to the elimination of required tests and/or inspection. A copy of the staff's safety evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,



for William D. Beckner, Director
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