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Subject: Response to Safety Evaluation-Joint Owners' Group Program on Periodic
Verification of Motor-Operated Valves (in response to Generic Letter 96-05)

Arkansas Nuclear One
Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 & 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 & NPF-6

Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-29

River Bend Station
Docket No. 50-458
License No. NPF-47

Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station
Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38

- References:
- (a) Safety Evaluation on Joint Owners' Group Program on Periodic Verification of Motor-Operated Valves Described in Topical Report NEDC-32719 (Revision 2) dated 10/30/97
 - (b) Generic Letter 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves", dated 9/18/96
 - (c) Entergy Operations, Inc. GL 96-05 180 Day Response Letter dated March 17, 1997 (CNRO-97-00004)

CNRO-99/00002

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On October 30, 1997, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued the reference Safety Evaluation (SE), which within the conditions and limitations described in the SE, stated that the Staff considers the Joint Owners' Group (JOG) Program on MOV Periodic Verification an acceptable industry-wide response to Generic Letter (GL) 96-05.

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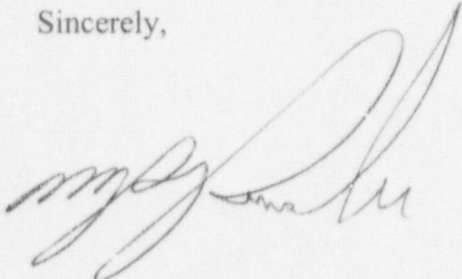
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The JOG agreed that after the issuance of the SE, requests would be made for participating utilities to notify the NRC of their plans to implement the JOG program described in Revision 2 of the topical report which was the subject of the SE (i.e., NEDC-32719) and that any deviations from the JOG program would be justified.

By this letter, Entergy Operations, Inc. is providing the requested SE response. Entergy will continue participating in the JOG MOV-Periodic Verification Program through its membership in the Boiling Water Reactor Owners' Group, CEOG and/or B&WOG and will implement the program elements described in Topical Report NEDC-32719, Revision 2.

This response represents EOI's position for all four of its nuclear sites and supersedes any previous commitments to periodic testing made in accordance with the GL 89-10, "Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance" program response.

Sincerely,

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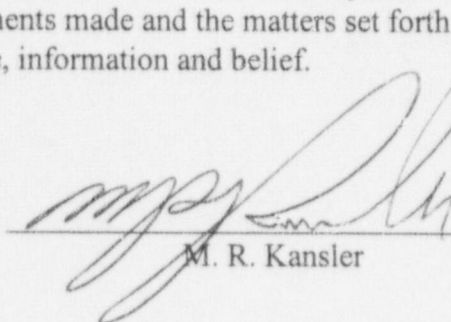
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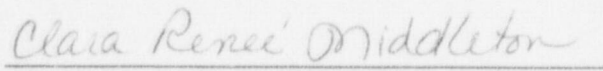
I, M. R. Kansler, being duly sworn, state that I am Vice President, Operations Support, of Entergy Operations, Inc.; that on behalf of Entergy Operations, Inc., I am authorized by Entergy Operations, Inc. to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, this document; that I signed this document as the Vice President, Operations Support, of Entergy Operations, 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.


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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State above named, this 11th day of January, 1999.

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Notary Public

My commission expires: