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Subject: Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, Grand Gulf, River Bend, and Waterford, Unit 3 - Acceptance Review of LAR to Adopt TSTF-541, Add Exceptions to Surveillance Requirements for Valves and Dampers Locked in the Actuated Position (EPID L-2021-LLA-o166)

By letter dated September 23 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21266A161), Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) to revise Technical Specifications (TSs) to adopt Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-541, Revision 2, "Add Exceptions to Surveillance Requirements for Valves and Dampers Locked in the Actuated Position" for Entergy sites of Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, River Bend Station, and Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The proposed amendment modifies certain TS Surveillance Requirements (SRs) by adding exceptions to consider the SR met when automatic valves or dampers are locked, sealed, or otherwise secured in the actuated position, in order to consider the SR met. Securing the automatic valve or damper in the actuated position may affect the operability of the system or any supported systems. The associated Limiting Condition for Operation is met if the subject structure, system, or component remains operable (i.e., capable of performing its specified safety function).

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review for the LAR. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed LAR in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 260 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review by April 30, 2022, or earlier. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager. These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and

they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, or unanticipated addition of scope to the review.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1564.

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