UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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November 10, 2021

Mr. Cleve Reasoner, Chief Executive Officer
and Chief Nuclear Officer
Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.
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Burlington, KS 66839

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2020-017)

Dear Mr. Reasoner:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Investigations regarding activities at Wolf Creek Generating Station (Wolf Creek). The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine if non-licensed operators (NLOs) Wolf Creek willfully left valve EJ-V244 in an open position instead of the required closed position and disregarded required independent verification checks. The investigation also sought to determine whether Wolf Creek failed to maintain accurate information when documenting valve manipulations and verifications with completing the SYS EJ-110A (Train A Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Fill and Vent) procedure.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, the allegation that NLOs at Wolf Creek willfully left valve EJ-V244 in an open position, instead of the required closed position, and disregarded independent verification checks was not substantiated.

The NRC also did not substantiate deliberate misconduct associated with the failure to maintain accurate information when documenting valve manipulations and verifications with completing procedure SYS EJ-110A. On August 9, 2021, the NRC issued inspection report 05000482/2021002 that included a non-willful Severity Level IV non-cited violation of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.9, "Completeness and Accuracy of Information," associated with this issue. The NRC plans no further action related to the wrongdoing aspects of the case and considers this investigation closed.

You should note that final NRC documents may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act subject to redaction of information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Requests under the Freedom of Information Act should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, "Requests for Records." Information is accessible from the NRC's website at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html#how.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.

Sincerely,

Jeremy R. Groom

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