

April 20, 2000

Mr. Craig G. Anderson
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SUBJECT: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1 - INITIAL SCREENING REVIEW OF THE
ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC. REQUEST FOR CONVERSION TO
IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (TAC NO. MA6062)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The staff has completed its initial screening review of the Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) January 28, 2000 (1CAN010007), request to convert from the current technical specifications (CTS) for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1) to the improved technical specifications (ITS) and has concluded that the submittal is acceptable for detailed staff review. The proposed ITS are similar in format and content to Revision 1 of NUREG-1430, "Standard Technical Specifications - Babcock and Wilcox Plants," dated April 1995 (STS).

During the screening, the staff identified three potential issues that may need to be addressed in order to facilitate a complete review of the Entergy submittal.

1. In various sections of the CTS submittal, the term "later" is used to annotate selected portions of text. It is the staff's understanding that the term "later" indicates that the identified area of the CTS will be addressed in other sections of the proposed ITS and does not indicate a reference to future submittals. A clarification statement would be appropriate if this understanding is inconsistent with your intent.
2. Several STS sections were not adopted in Entergy's ITS conversion, with no supporting Justification for Differences (JFD) or Discussion of Differences (DOD) to document the basis for this decision.
3. The Entergy submittal identified a number of Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) changes that were pending NRC approval and, therefore, were not included in the original ITS conversion submittal. Please advise the staff of your intentions and schedule regarding the incorporation of recently approved TSTF changes during the ITS conversion process.

Because the staff has performed only a screening review at this time, Entergy should be aware that further issues will most likely be identified when more detailed reviews are performed. The issues listed above are provided for information and no response or other action is expected at this time. As the staff progresses with its more detailed review of the various sections of your submittal, additional information may be required to support your application. The staff will document such requests through the formal Request for Additional Information process.

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In order for the ANO-1 SE to conform with the model SE, we request that Entergy prepare tables formatted in accordance with the model SE. These tables should be provided to the staff in a file format compatible with Corel WordPerfect, Version 8, for Windows. The H. B. Robinson Plant SE is available through the NRC Public Document Room Web Site (Accession Number 9711050147).

The staff intends to use contractors to review portions of the submittal. The following are mailing addresses for the contractors.

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INEEL will be reviewing Sections 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, and 3.9, and LLNL will be reviewing Section 3.3.

The NRC staff is available for a meeting at your convenience to discuss the results of the staff screening and conversion review process, including discussion of the schedule for submittal of the conversion tables discussed above. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 301-415-1320.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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