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Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
Docket 50-266 and 50-301
Renewed License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27

NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC's Initial Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012
Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies
for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events (Order Number EA-12-049)

- References:
- (1) U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Issuance of Order to Modify Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events," Order Number EA-12-049, March 12, 2012 (ML12054A736)
 - (2) U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Compliance with Order EA-12-049, Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events," Interim Staff Guidance JLD-ISG-2012-01, Revision 0, August 29, 2012 (ML12229A174)
 - (3) Nuclear Energy Institute letter to NRC, dated February 24, 2012, Industry Initiative on Procurement of Equipment for the Diverse and Flexible Coping Strategy (FLEX) (ML12061A023)
 - (4) Nuclear Energy Institute, "Diverse and Flexible Coping Strategies (FLEX) Implementation Guide," NEI 12-06, Revision 0, August 2012 (ML12242A378)

On March 12, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an order (Reference 1) to NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC (NextEra). Reference (1) was immediately effective and directs NextEra to develop, implement, and maintain guidance and strategies to maintain or restore core cooling, containment, and spent fuel pool cooling capabilities in the event of a beyond-design-basis external event. Specific requirements are outlined in Attachment 2 of Reference (1).

Reference (1) requires submission of an initial status report 60 days following issuance of the final interim staff guidance. The final interim staff guidance (Reference 2) was issued August 30, 2012. The purpose of this letter is to provide the initial status report pursuant to Section IV, Condition C.2, of Reference (1) within 60 days following issuance of Reference (2).

This report confirms NextEra has received Reference (2) and is in the process of evaluating the guidance for the purpose of establishing mitigation strategies to maintain or restore core cooling, containment, and spent fuel pool cooling capabilities in the event of a beyond-design-basis external event as described in Attachment 2 of Reference (1).

Major activities completed during this reporting period:

- Additional portable equipment was ordered prior to the issuance of Reference (2), as described in an NEI letter to the NRC (Reference 3).
- A site-specific coping capabilities evaluation has been completed and NextEra is in the process of establishing coping strategies as defined in NEI 12-06 (Reference 4).
- Resources are being identified and project plans initiated, including development of milestones, to assure compliance with Reference (1).

Planned activities for the next six months:

- Development and submittal of the overall integrated plan.

Technical difficulties encountered that could affect the ability to provide the licensee's February 28, 2013, submittal:

- None at this time.

Project milestones schedule through completion of installation and testing:

- A project milestones schedule will be provided with the overall integrated plan.
- Implementation of the order will be completed for Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) Unit 1 prior to startup from Refueling Outage (RFO) 35 (Fall 2014).
- Implementation of the order will be completed for PBNP Unit 2 prior to startup from RFO 34 (Spring 2015).

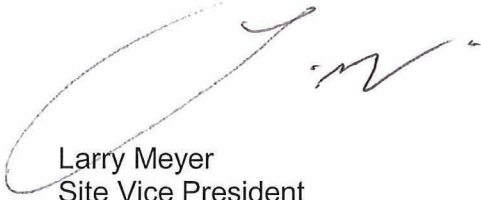
This letter contains no new Regulatory Commitments and no revisions to existing Regulatory Commitments.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. James Costedio, Licensing Manager, at 920/755-7427.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on October 26, 2012.

Very truly yours,

NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC



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