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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
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Rockville, MD 20852

Subject: Response to the March 12, 2012, Information Request  
Pursuant To 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendation 9.3  
For Completing Emergency Communication Assessments.  
Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3)  
Docket No. 50-382  
License No. NPF-38

- References:
1. NRC letter to all power reactor licensees and holders of construction permits in active or deferred status, "Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Accident," dated March 12, 2012 (ADAMS Accession Number ML12053A340)
  2. Entergy letter to NRC, "Entergy's 60-Day Response to the March 12, 2012, Information Request, Action Plan for Completing Emergency Communication and Staffing Assessments," dated May 10, 2012 (W3F1-2012-0026) (ADAMS Accession Number ML12135A087)
  3. Entergy letter to NRC, "Entergy's 90-Day Response to the March 12, 2012, Information Request, Action Plan for Completing Emergency Communication and Staffing Assessments," dated June 7, 2012 (W3F1-2012-0042) (ADAMS Accession Number ML12164A683)
  4. Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 12-01, "Guideline for Assessing Beyond DBA Response Staffing and Communications Capabilities," Revision 0 dated May 2012 (ADAMS Accession Number ML12125A412)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On March 12, 2012, the NRC issued a letter (Reference 1) entitled, "Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Accident." Enclosure 5 of the letter contained specific requested

actions and requested information associated with Recommendation 9.3 for Emergency Preparedness programs communications. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54, "Conditions of licenses," paragraph (f), addressees were requested to submit a written response to the information requests within 90 days or provide a response within 60 days of the date of the letter and describe the alternative course of action that it proposes to take.

Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3) responded within 60 days (Reference 2) proposing to take the alternative course of action for communications that was described in Attachment 1 of Reference 2. Waterford 3 implemented the first part of this alternate course of action with the submittal of Reference 3 which described interim actions or planned actions to be taken to enhance existing communications systems power supplies until the communications assessment and the resulting actions are complete. This letter completes the alternate course of action by summarizing the results of the communications assessment and the potential enhancements that could be made.

The communications assessment was performed using the guidance of NEI 12-01 (Reference 4). The assessment identified enhancements that may be appropriate for the emergency plan with respect to the communications requirements of 10 CFR 50.47, Appendix E to 10 CFR 50, and the guidance in NUREG-0696. The currently proposed enhancements are discussed in Attachment 1. These enhancements are subject to change as a result of Diverse and Flexible Coping Strategies developments, advances in technology, and progress in the manner of addressing the need for these enhancements.

The new regulatory commitment is identified in Attachment 2. Please contact Michael Mason, Licensing Manager (acting), at (504) 739-6673 if you have questions regarding this information.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 31, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DJ/WH", with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the signature.

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- Attachments:
1. Waterford 3 Communications Assessment
  2. List of Regulatory Commitments

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