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References:

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4. NRC Letter, River Bend Station Unit 1- Staff Assessment of Information provided Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 50, Section 50.54(f), Seismic Hazard Reevaluations for Recommendation 2.1 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima DAI-ICHI Accident, dated November 3, 2015, ADAMS Accession Number ML15295A186.
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the assessment for River Bend Station – Unit 1 (RBS) to determine if the FLEX strategies developed, implemented, and maintained in accordance with NRC Order EA-12-049 can be implemented considering the impacts of the re-evaluated seismic hazard. The assessment was performed in accordance with the guidance provided in Appendix H of NEI 12-06 Revision 2 (Reference 1), which was endorsed by the NRC (Reference 2).

The Mitigating Strategies Seismic Hazard Information (MSSHI) is the re-evaluated seismic hazard information for RBS, and was developed using Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis (PSHA). The MSSHI includes a performance-based ground motion response spectrum (GMRS), uniform hazard response spectra (UHRS) at various annual probabilities of exceedance, and a family of seismic hazard curves at various frequencies and fractiles developed at the RBS control point elevation. RBS submitted the re-evaluated seismic hazard information, including the UHRS, GMRS and the hazard curves to the NRC on March 26, 2014 (Reference 3). The NRC staff concluded that the submitted GMRS adequately characterizes the re-evaluated seismic hazard for the RBS site (Reference 4).

Consistent with Section H.4.2 of Reference 1, the RBS GMRS is bounded by (or with negligible GMRS exceedance) the safe shutdown earthquake (SSE) spectrum at frequencies between 1 to 10 Hz, and the GMRS spectrum above 10 Hz exceeds the SSE spectrum. Reference 5 provided the high-frequency confirmation assessment, and Reference 6 documented NRCs concurrence. For RBS, the GMRS to SSE exceedance at frequencies greater than 10 Hz qualifies as a minimal high frequency exceedance, as defined in Section 3.1.1 of EPRI 3002004396 (Reference 7) and endorsed by NRC (Reference 8), and is considered inconsequential. Therefore, the FLEX strategies for RBS can be implemented as designed and no further seismic evaluations are necessary.

This letter contains no new regulatory commitments or any revisions to existing commitments. Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Sergio Vazquez at 225-381-4114.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 31, 2016.

Sincerely,



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