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Subject: River Bend Station, Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
License No. NPF-47
Withdrawal of License Amendment Request 1999-22, "Request for a
Revision to the Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program Capsule
Withdrawal Schedule"

References: 1. Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) Letter to NRC, RBG-45121,
dated October 25, 1999
2. EOI Letter to NRC, RBG-45225, dated January 12, 2000

File Nos.: G9.5, G9.42

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In Reference 1, River Bend Station (RBS) requested a revision to the reactor vessel material surveillance program schedule as required by 10CFR50, Appendix H, Section IIIB.3. The amendment request proposed a change to the withdrawal time in Table 3.4.11-1, page TR 3.4-10 of the Technical Requirements Manual (TRM), for the first surveillance capsule withdrawal. In the second referenced letter, RBS revised the proposed deferral from 13.4 effective full power years (EFPY) to 11.5 EFPY. Deferring the withdrawal would have allowed full RBS participation in the final NRC-approved Integrated Surveillance Program (ISP). As a result of discussions with the NRC Staff regarding fluence calculation methodology, we have decided to withdraw License Amendment Request 1999-22 and pull the first RBS surveillance capsule specimen during Refueling Outage 9, scheduled to begin March 4, 2000. RBS still intends to participate in the ISP. However, 10CFR50, Appendix H, Section IVA, requires a summary technical report of test results to be submitted as specified in 10CFR50.4 within one year of the date

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of capsule withdrawal unless an extension is granted by the Director, Office of Nuclear
Reactor Regulation. We are therefore considering the possibility of an extension to the
test results submittal time frame as allowed by Appendix H, in order to provide for testing
of the RBS surveillance capsule under the ISP.

If you have any questions regarding withdrawal of the license amendment request, please
contact Mr. Bill Fountain at 225-381-4625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick J. King".

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