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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF
THE ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE UNIT 1 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Haney:

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF
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Dear Mr. Rodgers:

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THE ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE UNIT 1 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Beaver:

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF
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Dear Mr. Pyle:

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF
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Dear Mr. Smith:

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF
THE ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE UNIT 1

Dear Mr. Henson:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking input for its environmental review of an application from Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) to renew its operating licenses for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1) near Russellville, Arkansas. Because ANO-1 is in an area formerly occupied by the Cherokee Nation, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.28(b), the NRC invites the members of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians to participate in the scoping process relating to the NRC's environmental review of the application. The application and the environmental review process are described below.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant is issued for up to 40 years. The license may be renewed for an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. The current operating license for ANO-1 will expire on May 20, 2014. Entergy submitted its application for license renewal in January of this year. As part of its application, Entergy submitted an environmental report. That report is available for public review in the NRC's Public Document Room located at 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C, and on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/LR/ANO-1/index.html>. In addition, the Pendergraft Library, located at Arkansas Tech University, 305 West Q Street, Russellville, AR 72801, has agreed to make the environmental report available for public inspection.

As a result of the Entergy application, the NRC has initiated a scoping process to, among other things, identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth, as well as to identify and eliminate issues from detailed study because they are peripheral, not significant or have been covered by prior environmental review. A preliminary scope of NRC review is contained in Appendix B to Subpart A of 10 CFR Part 51, "Environmental Effect of Renewing the Operating License of a Nuclear Power Plant." An existing NRC document, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants" (GEIS), NUREG-1437, assesses the scope and impact of certain environmental effects that would be associated with license renewal at any nuclear power plant site and can also be found in NRC's public document room. A public meeting to obtain comments regarding the scope of the review is currently scheduled for April 4, 2000 (see enclosed meeting notice).

The document for which NRC is gathering information will be a plant-specific supplement to the GEIS that provides the results of the staff's environmental review. It will review environmental impacts on the area surrounding ANO-1 that are related to the terrestrial ecology, aquatic ecology, hydrology, historic or archeological resources and socioeconomic issues (among others). The supplement will contain a recommendation regarding the environmental acceptability of the license renewal action. Please submit any written comments members of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians may have on the scope of the supplement to the GEIS, including any new areas for detailed study, by May 9, 2000. Comments should be submitted either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6-D-59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or by Internet to anoeis@nrc.gov.

At the conclusion of the information-gathering process, the NRC staff will prepare a summary of the conclusions reached and significant issues identified and will send a copy to you. The summary will also be available for public review in the NRC public document room in Washington, D.C. The staff also plans to make the document available at the Pendergraft Library in Russellville, Arkansas.

The NRC will then prepare a draft supplement to the GEIS for public comment and will hold a public meeting to solicit comments. A copy of the draft supplement to the GEIS will be sent to you for your review and comment. After consideration of comments received on the draft, the NRC will prepare a final supplement to the GEIS. The issuance of a final environmental statement for ANO-1 is planned for July 2001. If you need additional information regarding the environmental review process, please contact Thomas J. Kenyon, Senior Project Manager, at (301) 415-1120.

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Entergy Operations, Inc., Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1; Notice of
Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping
Process

Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) has submitted an application for renewal of operating license DPR-51 for an additional 20 years of operation at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1). ANO-1 is located in Pope County, Arkansas. The application for renewal was submitted by letter dated January 31, 2000, pursuant to 10 CFR part 54. A notice of receipt of application, including the environmental report (ER), was published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2000 (65 FR 7074). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application for renewal of the facility operating license was published in the Federal Register on March 3, 2000 (65 FR 11609). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be preparing an environmental impact statement in support of the review of the license renewal application and to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process as defined in 10 CFR 51.29.

In accordance with 10 CFR 54.23 and 10 CFR 51.53(c), Entergy submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51 and is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20003-1527. In addition, the Pendergraft Library, located at Arkansas Tech University, 305 West Q Street, Russellville, AR 72801, has agreed to make the ER available for public inspection.

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a plant-specific supplement to the Commission's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (NUREG-1437) in support of the review of the application for renewal of the ANO-1 operating license for an additional 20 years. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. 10 CFR 51.95 requires that the NRC prepare a supplement to the GEIS in connection with the renewal of an operating license. This notice is being published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations found in 10

CFR part 51.

The NRC will first conduct a scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS and, as soon as practicable thereafter, will prepare a draft supplement to the GEIS for public comment. Participation in this scoping process by members of the public and local, State, and Federal government agencies is encouraged. The scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS will be used to accomplish the following:

- a. Define the proposed action which is to be the subject of the supplement to the GEIS.
- b. Determine the scope of the supplement to the GEIS and identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth.
- c. Identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are peripheral or that are not significant.
- d. Identify any environmental assessments and other environmental impact statements (EISs) that are being or will be prepared that are related to

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but are not part of the scope of the supplement to the GEIS being considered.

- e. Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the proposed action.
- f. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of environmental analyses and the Commission's tentative planning and decision-making schedule.
- g. Identify any cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocate assignments for preparation and schedules for completing the supplement to the GEIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies.
- h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS will be prepared, including any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in the scoping process:

- a. The applicant, Entergy Operations, Inc.
- b. Any person who intends to petition for leave to intervene.
- c. Any Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved, or that is authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.
- d. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.
- e. Any affected Indian tribe.
- f. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process.

Participation in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the supplement to the GEIS relates. Notice of opportunity for a hearing regarding the renewal application was the subject of the aforementioned Federal Register notice of acceptance for docketing. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26, the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC has decided to hold a public meeting for the ANO-1 license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Russellville, Arkansas, on Tuesday, April 4, 2000. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) an overview by the NRC staff of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; (2) an overview by Entergy of the proposed action, ANO-1 license renewal, and the environmental impacts as outlined in the ER; and (3) the opportunity for interested Government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the NEPA scoping process by contacting Mr. Thomas J. Kenyon by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 1120, or by Internet to the NRC at anoeis@nrc.gov no later than March 27, 2000. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Kenyon's attention no later than March 27, 2000, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the environmental scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS to Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mailstop T-6 D 59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by May 9, 2000. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at anoeis@nrc.gov. Electronic submissions should be sent no later than May 9, 2000, to be considered in the scoping process and will be available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached, including the significant issues identified, and will send a copy of the summary to each participant in the scoping process. The summary will also be

available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room. The staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft supplement to the GEIS, which will be the subject of separate notices and a separate public meeting. Copies will be available for public inspection at the above-mentioned addresses, and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC will prepare a final supplement to the GEIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Information about the proposed action, the supplement to the GEIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Kenyon at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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