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Attention: Andrew Hon

Subject: Project No. 704 – BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Shroud Vertical Weld
Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines (BWRVIP-63)

Reference: Letter from Robert A. Nelson (NRC) to David Czufin (BWRVIP Chairman), “Final
Safety Evaluation for Electric Power Research Institute Boiling Water Reactor
Vessel and Internals Project Topical Report BWRVIP-63 Regarding Open Item on
the Treatment of Nondestructive Examination Flaw Sizing Uncertainty as Related to
BWRVIP (TAC NO. MD9656),” dated December 23, 2011.

The NRC final Safety Evaluation (SE) transmitted to the BWRVIP by the NRC letter reference
above, requested that the BWRVIP publish an accepted version of the BWRVIP-63 document.
However, since the initial publication and submittal to NRC of BWRVIP-63 in 1999,
BWRVIP-63 has been superseded by the publication and submittal of “BWRVIP-76, Revision 1:
BWR Vessel and Internals Project, BWR Core Shroud Inspection and Flaw Evaluation
Guidelines.” BWRVIP-76, Revision 1 contains the same information on shroud vertical welds
as in BWRVIP-63. Therefore, the BWRVIP does not intend to publish a “-A” version of
BWRVIP-63 but will do so for BWRVIP-76, Revision 1 when that is approved by the NRC staff.

If you have any questions on this subject please call Chuck Wirtz (FirstEnergy, BWRVIP
Integration Committee Technical Chairman) at 440.280.7665.

Sincerely,



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