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February 17, 2000

Mr. Thomas F. Plunkett President - Nuclear Division Florida Power and Light Company P.O. Box 14000 Juno Beach, Florida 33408-0420

SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE, UNIT 2 - WITHDRAWAL OF AMENDMENT REQUEST AND ISSUANCE OF REVISED BASES (TAC NO. MA5619)

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

By letter dated May 24, 1999, you applied for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-16 for the St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 2. This amendment request consisted of various changes to the Technical Specification (TS) surveillance requirements for the safety injection tank (SIT) and shutdown cooling (SDC) system isolation valves. Subsequently, by letter dated December 13, 1999, you withdrew the amendment request. In response to your withdrawal, the Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

In your May 24, 1999, letter, you also requested a TS bases change. The following inserts were proposed:

At the end of TS Bases 3/4.5.1, "Safety Injection Tanks"

The practice of calibrating and testing the SIT isolation valve interlock function below 515 psia (the current plant practice is to set and test the interlock function at 500 psia) meets the requirements of Technical Specification Surveillance 4.5.1.1.d.1. The staff accepted that testing the SIT isolation interlock at a more conservative setpoint demonstrates operability at and above the setpoint (NRC letter from William Gleaves to J.A. Stall dated November 2, 1999, subject "St. Lucie Unit 2 -Amendment Request Regarding Safety Injection Tank and Shutdown Cooling System Isolation Interlock Surveillances (TAC No. MA5619)."

At the end of TS Bases 3/4.5.2 and 3/4.5.3, "ECCS Subsytems"

The practice of calibrating and testing the SDC isolation valve interlock function below 515 psia (the current plant practice is to set and test the interlock function at 500 psia) meets the requirements of Technical Specification Surveillance 4.5.2.e.1. The staff accepted that testing the SDC isolation interlock at a more conservative setpoint demonstrates operability at and above the setpoint (NRC letter from William Gleaves to J.A. Stall dated November 2, 1999, subject "St. Lucie Unit 2 -Amendment Request Regarding Safety Injection Tank and Shutdown Cooling System Isolation Interlock Surveillances (TAC No. MA5619)." T. Plunkett

The staff has reviewed these inserts and has determined that the inserts are consistent with the staff position stated in the NRC letter from William Gleaves to J.A. Stall dated November 2, 1999. Therefore, these inserts are acceptable. Copies of the revised bases pages are enclosed.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these issues.

Sincerely,

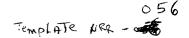
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