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Ms. Annette Vietti-Cook
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 Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications staff

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Subject: **Petition for Rulemaking by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, on 10 CFR 50, Appendix G, Fracture Toughness Requirements (Fed. Reg. 6044)**
Request for Comments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) concurs with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) review of the petition that seeks to remove footnotes 2 and 6 from Table 1 in 10 CFR 50, Appendix G. The result would be the elimination of requirements related to the metal temperature of the closure head flange and vessel flange regions of the reactor pressure vessel.

We agree that elimination of the flange temperature requirement improves operational flexibility and safety while having no negative impact on flange integrity, has an adequate technical basis, and eliminates unnecessary regulatory burden.

Please contact me at (919) 546-4579 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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 Regulatory Affairs

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cc: D. J. Modeen, Nuclear Energy Institute