

DOCKET NUMBER
PETITION RULE PRM 50-71
(65FR34599)



'00 11 15 AM 127

Carolina Power & Light Company
PO Box 1551
411 Fayetteville Street Mall
Raleigh NC 27602

Q.
AC.

Serial: PE&RAS 00-084
August 14, 2000

Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Subject: Petition for Rulemaking by Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to Amend NRC Regulations To Allow Use of Zirconium-based Cladding Materials Other Than Zircaloy or ZIRLO, Docket No. PRM-50-71 (Fed. Reg. 34599)

Request for Comments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) has reviewed the subject petition and we agree that the NRC should amend 10 C.F.R. §§ 50.44 and 50.46 to allow the use of zirconium-based alloys other than Zircaloy or ZIRLO. We also agree with the revised wording proposed by NEI in their comments submitted with respect to the subject notice.

Due to the immediate benefit to licensees and the low probability that adverse comments will be received, CP&L urges the NRC to consider promulgation of the proposed change as a direct final rule.

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

Sincerely,

John R. Caves
Regulatory Affairs

RGH