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Ms. Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001
Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

DOCKET NUMBER
PETITION RULE PRM 72-5
(65FR36647)

Re: Nuclear Energy Institute; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking
10 CFR Part 72
Docket No. PRM-72-5
Federal Register: June 9, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 112)

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), the owner and operator of the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, and the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Units 3 and 4, hereby submits the following comments in support of the above-referenced Petition for Rulemaking.

The Turkey Point and St. Lucie units generate spent nuclear fuel that FPL currently maintains within each unit's respective spent fuel pool. FPL is a candidate for future use of dry storage casks since the DOE has defaulted on the performance of its disposal obligations under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and Contract No. DE-CR01-83NE44383, and because the spent fuel pools are limited in remaining storage capacity.

FPL has reviewed this petition for rulemaking and agrees with petitioner's premise that a more efficient process is needed to issue and amend certificates of compliance (C of C) for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel under a general license. FPL has reviewed petitioner's recommended amendments to 10 CFR 72 and agrees with petitioner that implementation of the proposed amendments will improve the efficiency of the general license and C of C process without compromising public health and safety. FPL encourages the NRC to act expeditiously on this petition.

FPL appreciates the opportunity to comment on this petition for rulemaking.

Sincerely,

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