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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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RE: St. Lucie Units 1 and 2
Turkey Point Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-335, 50-389, 50-250, and 50-251
Implementation of the Revised 10 CFR 50.59

The effective date for the revised 10 CFR 50.59 rule was established in a December 13, 2000, Federal Register Notice (65 FR 77773), as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-03, dated January 23, 2001, the NRC stated that in order to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the revised rule later than March 13, 2001. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS suggested that a licensee might want to communicate its implementation plan to the NRC.

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) intends to implement the revised requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 on May 13, 2001. FPL will follow the new rule requirements for evaluations completed on or after May 13, 2001. Until that time, FPL will continue to implement its existing 10 CFR 50.59 review processes.

St. Lucie Unit 1 will be in a refueling outage shortly after the effective date, and FPL does not want to transition to the new rule during a refueling outage since this activity already places demands on staff and would not be in the best interests of safety. Since FPL shares resources between the two sites during refueling outages and because FPL's nuclear engineering for Turkey Point and St. Lucie use common engineering procedures, FPL will implement the revised rule at the same time for both sites.

Please contact us if there are any questions about this submittal.

Very truly yours,

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