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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Turkey Point Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251
Inservice Inspection Program
Third 10-Year Interval
ASME Section XI Code Case N-521

In accordance with Regulatory Guide 1.147, Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1, FPL is invoking ASME Code Case N-521, Alternative Rules for the Deferral of Inspections of Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Sections, Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds of a Pressurized Water Reactor Pressure Vessel, Section XI, Division 1, for use in the Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 Ten Year Inservice Inspection Program. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission per Regulatory Guide 1.147, Revision 12, dated May 1999, endorsed code Case N-521 for use with no exceptions. A copy of the Code case is attached for your information.

Code Case N-521 provides the same alternatives that were previously approved by Relief Request Number 5, submitted as part of the Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 Inservice Inspection Third 10-Year Summary Program by Florida Power & Light Company letter L-93-220, dated September 9, 1993. The third 10-year inservice inspection interval for Turkey Point Unit 3 began on February 22, 1994, and ends on February 21, 2004. The third 10-year inservice inspection interval for Unit 4 began on April 15, 1994, and ends on April 14, 2004. Implementation of Code Case N-521 will not extend the third period of the third 10-year interval or the interval itself as defined above for either Turkey Point Unit.

Should there be any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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CASES OF ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE

Approval Date: August 9, 1993

*See Numerical Index for expiration
and any reaffirmation dates.*

Case N-521

**Alternative Rules for Deferral of Inspections of
Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Sections, and
Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds of a Pressurized Water
Reactor (PWR) Vessel
Section XI, Division 1**

Inquiry: What alternative rules may be used in lieu of Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-D, "Full Penetration Welded Nozzles in Vessels – Inspection Program B" and Examination Category B-F, "Pressure Retaining Dissimilar Metal Welds in Vessel Nozzles," Section XI, Division 1, to allow deferral of inspections of Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Sections, and Nozzle-to-Safe Ends Welds of a PWR vessel?

Reply: It is the opinion of the Committee that, as an alternative to the existing requirements, inspections of Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Sections, and Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds of a PWR vessel may be deferred to the end of the inspection interval if the following conditions are met for the reactor vessel in question:

(a) No inservice repairs or replacements by welding have ever been performed on any of the Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Sections, or Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds.

(b) None of the Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Sections, or Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds contains identified flaws or relevant conditions that currently require successive inspections in accordance with IWB-2420(b).

(c) The unit is not in the first inspection interval.