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June 5, 2001

The Honorable Carson Durham III
Mayor, Town of Shallotte
145 Country Club Drive
Shallotte, NC 28459

SUBJECT: NRC ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT

Dear Mayor Durham:

The annual performance assessment of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant has been completed in accordance with the NRC Reactor Oversight Process, using the most recent performance indicators and inspection findings from the last 12 months. The assessment reflects current licensee performance and is described in the enclosed Annual Assessment Letter sent to the Carolina Power and Light Company on May 31, 2001.

On June 26, 2001, members of my staff will meet with the management of the Carolina Power and Light Company to discuss the performance of Brunswick. This meeting is scheduled to be conducted at 12:00 (noon) at the Brunswick site (8470 River Road SE Southport, NC) at the Brunswick Technical Training Center Auditorium.

I would like to personally invite you to attend this Annual Assessment Meeting. Also in conjunction with this meeting, I would like to invite you to a separate meeting between you and other State and local government officials, and my staff. This meeting will be conducted at the Brunswick Technical Training Center Classroom No. 110 shortly after the conclusion of the Annual Assessment Meeting. The purposes of this meeting are to meet the NRC inspectors at Brunswick, and to ensure that you are aware of the NRC inspection and assessment process and the avenues that are available to bring concerns that you or your constituents have to the NRC. This meeting will also provide you the opportunity to inform us of any current personal or constituent concerns with Brunswick. There is also another means for you to become familiar with the Reactor Oversight Process and the specific performance of Brunswick. Through the NRC Web site, you can access the same information we use in our annual assessment of plant performance. This information may be accessed at http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT.

Your schedule permitting, my staff looks forward to meeting with you on June 26, 2001. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Brian Bonser of my staff if we can be of further assistance to you. You can contact us at 1-800-577-8510, extension 24410 or 24560, respectively.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Annual Assessment Letter

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May 31, 2001

Carolina Power and Light Company
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER - BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-325,324/01-01)

Dear Mr. Keenan:

On May 1, 2001, the NRC staff completed its end-of-cycle plant performance assessment of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant. The end-of-cycle review for Brunswick involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results for the period of April 2, 2000, to March 31, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our assessment of your safety performance during this period and our plans for future inspections at your facility so that you will have an opportunity to prepare for these inspections and to inform us of any planned inspections which may conflict with your plant activities.

Overall, Brunswick operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Plant performance for the most recent quarter, as well as for the first three quarters of the assessment cycle, was within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all inspection findings being classified as having very low safety significance (Green) and all PIs indicating performance at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight (Green). Therefore, at this time we plan to conduct only baseline inspections at your facility through May 31, 2002.

The enclosed inspection plan details the scheduled inspections that will occur through May 31, 2002. This inspection plan is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. Routine resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

For your information, the NRC is in the process of aligning the inspection and assessment cycle with the calender year (CY). In order to transition to a CY cycle (January 1 - December 31), the current inspection and assessment cycle will consist of only three quarters (i.e. the second, third and fourth calender quarters of CY 2001). As a result, for this transition period only, the number of inspection activities have been modified accordingly and a mid-cycle review letter and accompanying inspection plan will not be issued.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If circumstances arise which cause us to change our inspection plan, we will contact you to discuss the change as soon as possible. Please contact me at (404) 562-4560 with any questions you may have regarding this letter or the inspection plan.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Brian R. Bonser, Chief
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Docket Nos. 50-325, 50-324
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Enclosure: Brunswick Inspection/Activity Plan

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