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Dear Mr. Woody:

Subject: Proposed License Amendments Related to Emergency Power Systems
Periodic Tests

Reference: TAC Numbers 63128 and 63129

The Commission has forwarded the enclosed "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Proposed No Significant Hazards Determination" to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

This notice relates to your application dated October 20, 1986, concerning your amendment request regarding Emergency Power Systems Periodic Tests.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONFLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANYDOCKET NOS. 50-250 AND 50-251NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES AND PROPOSED NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS
CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-31 and DPR-41 issued to Florida Power and Light (the licensee) for operation of the Turkey Point Plant, Units 3 and 4 located in Dade County, Florida.

The proposed amendments would revise Technical Specification 4.8.1.c.1 which requires that each diesel generator be subjected to an inspection in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations at least once each eighteen months. The proposed amendments would result in a one time deferral of the inspection of both diesel generators until the next Unit 3 refueling outage which is currently scheduled to begin in March 1987. The inspections would then be performed during each succeeding Unit 3 refueling outage. By initially deferring these inspections, they would be performed with only one unit at power as would normally be the case during a refueling outage. These revisions to the Technical Specifications would be made in response to the licensee's application for amendments dated October 20, 1986.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the request for amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed change modifies Technical Specification 4.8.1.c.1 to require that the 18 month diesel generator inspection be performed during each Unit 3 refueling outage. The other changes to Technical Specification 4.8 are in format only and do not change the content.

Operation of Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 in accordance with the proposed amendments would not:

- 1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated since the change does not involve a change in the operational limits or physical design of the emergency power systems.
- 2) Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated since the change does not involve a change in the operational limits of physical design of the emergency power systems. Neither the staff nor licensee could identify a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated
- 3) Involve a significant reduction in margin of safety since the limiting conditions for operation and other surveillance requirements to verify operability are in effect and remain unchanged. Deferring the inspection one time for approximately 4 months will not significantly

increase the probability of undetected degradation of the diesel generators which are operated infrequently for short durations of time. The last inspection indicated no excessive wear.

The Commission has determined that failure to act in a timely way would result in requiring the licensee to perform the requirements of the inspection during dual unit operation as required by the existing specification or result in shutting the units down to perform the required inspections. The NRC staff has determined that the overall safety of the plant would be enhanced if the inspection of each diesel generator was performed while one unit is shutdown. The basis for this determination is that the given loads required with one unit operating and the other shutdown, as required by the proposed Technical Specification, would result in less potential load demand for the remaining operable diesel generator. The one time extension of approximately 4 months will not significantly increase the probability of undetected degradation of the diesel generators based on previous operating history. Thus, requiring the surveillance in accordance with the existing Technical Specification is not in the best interest of overall plant safety. To be in compliance with the existing Technical Specifications it is necessary to perform the required inspection by November 11, 1986, for diesel generator A and November 27, 1986, for diesel generator B. Therefore, the Commission has insufficient time to issue its usual 30 day notice of the proposed action for public comment.

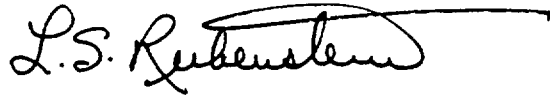
If the proposed determination becomes final, an opportunity for a hearing will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER at a later date and any hearing request will not delay the effective date of the amendment.

If the Commission decides in its final determination that the amendment does involve a significant hazards consideration, a notice of opportunity for a prior hearing will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and, if a hearing is granted, it will be held before any amendment is issued.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination of no significant hazards consideration. Comments on the proposed determination may be telephoned to Lester S. Rubenstein, Project Director, PWR Project Directorate No. 2, by collect call to (301) 492-7872, or submitted in writing to the Rules and Procedures Branch, Division of Rules and Records, Office of Administration, Washington, DC. All comments received by November 10, 1986, will be considered in reaching a final determination. A copy of the application and any comments received may be examined at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC, and at the Environmental and Urban Affairs Library, Florida International University, Miami, Florida 33199.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 22nd day of October, 1986,

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "L.S. Rubenstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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