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Docket No. 50-335

Dr. Robert E. Uhrig
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Florida Power & Light Company
P. O. Box 529100
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Dear Dr. Uhrig:

By letter dated March 19, 1981, you requested exemptions to 10 CFR §50, Appendix R, Sections III.A, G, J and O.

The exemption to Section III.A would remove the requirement to modify your fire pump controllers so that they meet all the criteria of NFPA-20, and the requirement to automatically load the fire pumps onto vital buses in the presence of a safeguards actuation. This request is based on your assertion that the design of the fire pump controllers and switchgear presently installed meets or exceeds the intent of NFPA-20. You further assert that such modifications would be detrimental to overall facility safety.

Part of the exemption to Section III.G would remove the requirements to install fire doors at six locations currently equipped with door and assembly units manufactured as flood barriers. You noted the fire barrier capability of the existing doors in asserting that substituting doors that conform with the requirements of Section III.G would not enhance fire protection safety at your facility.

Part of the exemption to Section III.G would remove the requirement to install fire-rated dampers in safety-related duct penetrations of the Auxiliary Building. This request is based on low levels of combustibles, ductwork fire protection capability, the potential for violating the radiological boundary of the Auxiliary Building and the potential for affecting operation of vital equipment. You assert that installation of the subject dampers would not significantly enhance fire protection and would reduce overall plant safety.

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We have found that your requests regarding Sections III.A (fire pump controllers and switch gear) and III.G (fire doors and dampers) provide sound technical bases warranting further staff review. The schedule requirements for these items are, therefore, suspended in accordance with 10 CFR 50.48(c)(6) until final Commission action on these requests.

With respect to your request not to install fire dampers in safety related ductwork of the Auxiliary Building, you are requested to:

1. list the safety-related duct penetrations of the Auxiliary Building in which you are requesting approval not to install dampers;
2. provide details supporting your conclusion that the radiological boundary of the Auxiliary Building could be violated; and
3. provide details supporting your conclusion that the operation of vital emergency safeguards equipment could be affected.

This information should be provided within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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Your request for exemption from the requirements of Section III.G for those areas of the plant which have already been reviewed and approved by the Commission is denied. Such an exemption request must be based on a reexamination of those previously approved configurations that do not meet the requirements as specified in Section III.G. Based on this reexamination you must either meet the requirements of Section III.G of Appendix R or apply for an exemption that justifies alternatives by a fire hazard analysis. You have provided no such justification.

In your letter of March 19, 1981, you requested exemption from the schedule requirements of 10 CFR §50.48 Section C in the event that we deny your request for exemption to Appendix R, Section III.G. We are reviewing this schedule-related request.

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The exemption to Section III.J would remove the requirement to provide adequate emergency lighting in any areas, not previously identified but subsequently found by the NRC staff to be necessary for operation of safe shutdown equipment, including access and egress routes. You assert that further modifying the emergency lighting system would not enhance fire protection at the facility.

We have found that your exemption request regarding emergency lighting does not adequately support your assertion that implementation of Section III.J would not enhance fire protection at your facility. Therefore, we deny your request for exemption from 10 CFR §50, Appendix R, Section III.J.

The exemption to Section III.O would remove the requirement to design the RCP oil collection system to withstand the containment environment associated with a LOCA. The Commission does not consider such a design criteria to be required by Section III.O and therefore the requested exemption is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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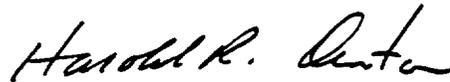
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