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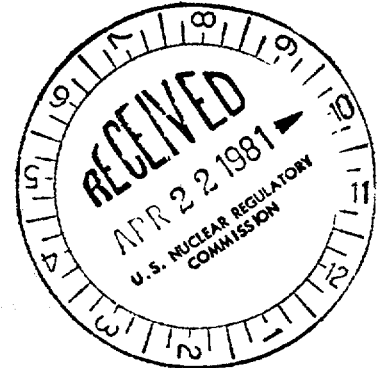
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Docket No. 50-302

Mr. J. A. Hancock
Director, Nuclear Operations
Florida Power Corporation
P. O. Box 14042, Mail Stop C-4
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Dear Mr. Hancock:

This letter confirms our authorization issued orally by me to Patsy Y. Baynard of your staff on April 16, 1981. Specifically, I authorized Crystal River Unit No. 3 to enter operational Mode No. 3 with one main steam isolation valve in the closed position. This action was in response to your letter of April 15, 1981 and a later telephone conversation between K. Wilson of FPC and P. Erickson of my staff. My oral authorization to enter Mode No. 3 with one MSIV closed is in partial response to your letter of April 15, 1981.

An official amendment and Federal Register Notice that responds more completely to your letter of April 15, 1981 will be forwarded in the near future.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Thomas M. Novak, Assistant Director
for Operating Reactors
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Safety Evaluation

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Buy letter dated April 15, 1981

Florida Power Corporation

requested authorization to

an exception to the current

River Unit 3 technical

specifications to allow entry
into modes 1, 2, 3 and 4
with one main steam isolation
valve closed.

Technical specifications

3.7.1.5 permit operation

in modes 1, 2, 3 and 4

at the time but Tech Spec
3.104 does not permit entry

into operational modes 1, 2
3 and 4 unless the MSIV's
are operable. We
have determined that

entry into modes 2, 3
with one MSIV closed
and 4 is not a problem
because previous safety
of standard technique
has already been
considered. The
continuous operation
with one MSIV value closed.

~~exception~~ The mode
switching with one MSIV closed
introduces no new problems.
Therefore, we may appropriately
modify the technical
specifications.

while we were considering their request, we were notified by + Ken Wilson of FPC (11:30 AM 4/16/80) that FPC needed authorization to go ^{from mode 4} to mode 3 to maintain steam for the CR-3 condensers. The present CR-3 condenser steam supply from CR-1 and CR-2 (fossil units) was terminated when they were shutdown for maintenance. If our approval was not given, CR-3 would have to go to cold shutdown (Mode 5) starting at 12:00 noon 4/16/80. Authorization to go to mode three was given at 11:55. We are still considering

the PPC application is
enter mode 1, 2, 3 and
with one MS/V closed

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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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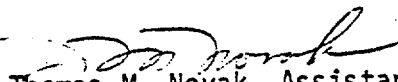
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