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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO

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FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted a request by the Florida Power Corporation (FPC) to withdraw its October 16, 1998, application, with supplement dated December 22, 1998, for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR 72, issued to FPC for operation of the Crystal River Nuclear Generating Unit 3 (CR-3) located in Citrus County, Florida. Notice of consideration of issuance of this amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64116).

The proposed amendment would have changed the CR-3 Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR), Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) and ITS Bases to resolve an Unreviewed Safety Question (USQ). This USQ was created by changing the normal standby position of valves DHV-34 and DHV-35 (low pressure injection (LPI) pump suction valves from borated water storage tank) from normally open to normally closed. Maintaining these valves normally closed had been determined to be necessary to ensure assumptions used in fire protection analyses remain valid. The proposed amendment would have also added new ITS surveillance requirements for verifying on a periodic basis that the LPI system components and piping, and the building spray suction piping, were full of water.

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FPC's letter of April 12, 1999, informed the staff that the request was being withdrawn because FPC had resolved the fire protection analyses concerns in a manner that allows valves DHV-34 and DHV-35 to be restored to the normally open standby configuration. With restoration of the valves to the normally open standby position, the need for the proposed amendment no longer existed.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 16, 1998, as supplemented December 22, 1998, and FPC's withdrawal letter dated April 12, 1999, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, Florida.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27 th day of April 1999.

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