



Crystal River Unit 3
Docket No. 50-302
Operating License No. DPR-72

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Crystal River Unit 3 – Response to Request for Additional Information,
Proposed License Amendment Request, Revision 0, “Emergency Diesel
Generator Allowed Outage Time Extension” (TAC No. MB5616)

- References:
1. FPC to NRC letter, dated July 3, 2002, Crystal River Unit 3 – License Amendment Request #257, Revision 0, “Emergency Diesel Generator Allowed Outage Time Extension”
 2. NRC to FPC letter, dated August 22, 2002, Request for Additional Information, Proposed License Amendment Request, Emergency Diesel Generator Allowed Outage Time Extension (TAC No. MB5616)

Dear Sir:

During a meeting with the NRC staff on September 3 and through the Request for Additional Information (RAI) (Reference 2), the NRC staff has raised a significant issue with Florida Power Corporation’s (FPC) proposed License Amendment Request #257 (Reference 1). The issue involves the capability to provide additional defense in depth through a permanent or temporary source of AC power during Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) maintenance. FPC needs additional time to perform studies of the options available to provide this capability. FPC will notify the NRC of the method for providing additional AC power during EDG maintenance and our response to the RAI or withdraw the License Amendment Request by December 20, 2002.

This letter establishes no new regulatory commitments.

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If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Sid Powell, Supervisor, Licensing and Regulatory Programs at (352) 563-4883.

Sincerely,



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