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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2  
DOCKET NO. 50-261/LICENSE NO. DPR-23

WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM 10 CFR 54.21(b)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated June 14, 2002, Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company, now doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas, (PEC) Inc., submitted an application for the renewal of the Operating License for the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2, which is also referred to as the Robinson Nuclear Plant (RNP).

By letter dated March 4, 2003, PEC requested an exemption from 10 CFR 54.21(b) for RNP. The requested exemption would have permitted the submittal of a single License Renewal Application (LRA) amendment for RNP, at least three months before the scheduled completion of NRC review of the RNP LRA.

As discussed in a conference call between the NRC Project Manager, Mr. S. K. Mitra, and Mr. Talmage Clements, et. al., of PEC, on May 8, 2003, PEC requests to withdraw the request for exemption.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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C. T. Baucom  
Supervisor - Licensing/Regulatory Programs

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