



Crystal River Nuclear Plant
Docket No. 50-302
Operating License No. DPR-72

Ref: 10 CFR 55.11
10 CFR 55.59

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

Subject: Crystal River Unit 3 – Clarification of Exemption from the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, Section 55.59

- References:
1. FPC to NRC letter, 3F0303-02, dated March 6, 2003, Crystal River Unit 3 – Request for Exemption from Certain Requirements of 10 CFR 55.59
 2. NRC to FPC letter, 3N0503-06, dated May 14, 2003, Crystal River Unit 3 - Exemption From the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 55, Section 55.59 (TAC No. MB8135)

Dear Sir:

Reference 2 approved the exemption to 10 CFR 55.59 requested in Reference 1 in that the current Licensed Operator Requalification Program will now end on February 28, 2005. Reference 1 included extending the annual operating test period to end on February 28, 2004. As a result of subsequent discussions with the NRC staff, Progress Energy Florida, Inc. understands that the Reference 2 approval of the extension of the Licensed Operator Requalification Program includes the extension of the current annual operating test to February 28, 2004.

This letter establishes no new regulatory commitments.

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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