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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Turkey Point Unit 3
Docket No. 50-250
Order (EA-03-009) Relaxation Request
Examination Coverage of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head
Penetration Nozzles

On February 11, 2003 the NRC issued Order (EA-03-009) requiring specific inspections of the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head and associated penetration nozzles at pressurized water reactors. Florida Power & Light (FPL) performed the required inspections for Unit 3 during the March 2003 refueling outage. By letters L-2003-067 and L-2003-068, pursuant to the procedure specified in Section IV, paragraph F of the Order, FPL requested relaxation from the requirements specified in Section IV, paragraph C.(1)(b)(i) for Turkey Point Unit 3 for the RPV head penetration nozzles for which ultrasonic testing requirements could not be completed as required. NRC approval of the Order Relaxation Request was granted by NRC letter dated March 20, 2003.

Following discussions with the NRC staff during the Unit 4 October 2003 refueling outage, FPL determined that a relaxation request was necessary to address all RPV head penetrations inspected with the UT blade probe which contain an area of coverage less than that required by the NRC Order, due to the probe design. By letter L-2003-306, dated December 19, 2003, FPL requested relaxation from the requirements specified in Section IV, paragraph C.(1)(b)(i) for Turkey Point Unit 3 for the 65 RPV head penetration nozzles examined with the UT blade probe for which ultrasonic testing requirements could not be completed as required. The relaxation request regarding UT blade probe limitations is similar to the Order Relaxation Request submitted for Turkey Point Unit 4 by FPL letter dated October 21, 2003, and approved by NRC letter dated October 31, 2003 (TAC NO. MC1082).

The Relaxation Request (L-2003-306) made reference to the Order Relaxation conditions of the Unit 3 Relaxation Request previously approved by the NRC on March 20, 2003; whereas, it should have made reference to the more recently NRC approved Order Relaxation conditions for Turkey Point Unit 4, as also applicable to Turkey Point Unit 3. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that FPL agrees to comply with the conditions specified by NRC letter dated October 31, 2003, Turkey Point Unit 4 – Relaxation of the Requirements of Order (EA-03-009), Regarding Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Inspections (TAC NO. MC1082).

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Please contact Walter Parker at (305) 246-6632 if there are any questions about the Order Relaxation Request.

Very truly yours,



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