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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2  
DOCKET NO. 50-261 / LICENSE NO. DPR-23

**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING METHOD**

REFERENCE: Letter from James W. Holt to U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
"Biennial Decommissioning Funding Status Report and Notification of  
Change in Decommissioning Funding Method," dated March 28, 2003,  
PE&RAS-03-017 (ML030970280)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the guidance in Section 2.1.6 of Regulatory Guide 1.159, "Assuring the Availability of Funds for Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors," this letter serves notice that Carolina Power & Light Company, now doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC), has decided to change the decommissioning funding method for the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (RNP), effective 30 working days from the date of this letter.

As reported in the referenced letter, PEC established the RNP decommissioning funding method based on the combination of an external sinking fund, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75(e)(1)(ii), and a parent company guarantee, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.75(e)(1)(iii)(B). With the receipt of the RNP Renewed Facility Operating License which expires on July 31, 2030, PEC has determined that the external sinking fund provides adequate assurance of decommissioning funding without use of the parent company guarantee. Therefore, PEC plans to terminate the parent company guarantee.

This document contains no new regulatory commitment.

Please contact me at (919) 546-6901 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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