

May 6, 2005

Mr. Mark E. Warner, Site Vice President
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SPECIFICATIONS BASES (TAC NO. MC5777)

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As you are aware, the TSs Bases are not part of the TSs as defined by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.36. Changes to the TSs Bases may be made without prior NRC approval, provided the changes do not require either a change in the TSs incorporated in the license or a change to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report or Bases that requires NRC approval pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59.

The TSs Bases you provided are hereby returned to you and should be inserted in the TSs to ensure the NRC staff and FPL Seabrook have identical TSs Bases pages. The NRC staff did not perform an evaluation of your TSs bases changes and staff concurrence with the changes is not implied by this letter. The staff may review the evaluations that support these TSs Bases changes during the next inspection of Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1's implementation of 10 CFR 50.59.

Sincerely,

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