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Subject: SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1  
DOCKET NO. 50-400 / LICENSE NO. NPF-63  
Response to Request for Comment on Proposed Director's Decision  
Under 10 CFR 2.206

Reference: NRC Letter Dated April 2, 2007, from Catherine Haney, USNRC Director, Division of  
Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, to C. S.  
Hinnant, Progress Energy, Inc. Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer,  
Regarding Proposed Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Dear Ms. Regner:

Carolina Power and Light Company, now doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC), is providing this response to the request for comment on the proposed Director's Decision transmitted in the referenced letter.

PEC appreciates the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's thorough review of the 10 CFR 2.206 petition. We wish to take this opportunity to provide one clarification to the content of the proposed Director's Decision that we do not believe alters any conclusions, but does provide more current information.

Page six of the proposed Director's Decision states, "The NCV related to the use of inadequate operator manual actions to correct some of the Thermo-Lag fire barrier issues. The NCV was determined to be of very low safety significance and the licensee implemented corrective actions by assigning an additional operator to be available to perform safe shutdown actions." This statement is true and reflects the conservative immediate corrective action of assigning a second operator. Since that time, plant modifications have been completed to resolve the issue with Thermo-Lag fire barriers at the Harris Nuclear Plant associated with this NCV. Additionally, the Harris Nuclear Plant has performed a comprehensive manual action feasibility study to demonstrate that manual operator actions can be accomplished within the required times by a single operator. Currently the Harris Nuclear Plant is operating with one dedicated safe shutdown operator.

This letter does not contain any new regulatory commitments.

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Please feel free to contact Mr. Dave Corlett, supervisor – Licensing and Regulatory Programs, for the Harris Nuclear Plant, at 919-362-3137 or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. S. Hinnant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

C. S. Hinnant  
Senior Vice President and  
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