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

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LICENSE  
AMENDMENT RELATED TO CONTROL ROOM HABITABILITY (TAC NO. MD6117)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In a letter dated July 23, 2008, the NRC issued License Amendment No. 219 to Carolina Power and Light Company, also known as Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC), for H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2. The amendment is based on NRC-approved Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Standard Technical Specification Change Traveler, TSTF-448, Revision 3, "Control Room Habitability." The letter specified an implementation time of 180 days following issuance, which would be January 19, 2009.

Implementation of this amendment has required the development of a new Control Room Envelope Habitability Program. The draft program was presented to the Operations Unit management in December 2008. It was determined that the changes were significant enough that effective implementation would require Licensed Operator Continuing Training (LOCT). The next opportunity for LOCT is the training cycle scheduled for February 9, 2009, through March 13, 2009. It is therefore requested that the implementation date for License Amendment No. 219 be extended to March 30, 2009, to allow completion of the LOCT for these changes.

Amendment No. 219 includes additional Limiting Conditions for Operation required actions and a new surveillance requirement for the Control Room Envelope (CRE) Habitability Program. A key aspect of the CRE Habitability Program is the requirement to perform inleakage testing of the CRE on an approximately six year frequency. A CRE inleakage test was conducted in 2003. The next test is currently scheduled for April 2009. The schedule for the test is not being changed as a result of this requested implementation date extension. Therefore, the requested extension will not impact the timing of the CRE inleakage test.

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