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SUBJECT: CRYSTAL RIVER UNIT 3 NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - WITHDRAWAL
OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NO. ME6527)

Dear Mr. Franke:

By letter dated June 15, 2011, you applied for an amendment to the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant (CR-3), Facility Operating License No. DPR-72. The proposed change would have modified the facility operating license and the technical specifications to support operation at an increased core thermal power level. Briefly, the proposed amendment, categorized as an extended power uprate amendment, would have increased the licensed core power level for CR-3 from 2609 megawatts (MWt) to 3014 MWt. Subsequently, by letter dated February 7, 2013, you withdrew the amendment request based on the determination to retire CR-3.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Siva P. Lingam".

Siva P. Lingam, Project Manager
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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-302

Enclosure:
Notice of Withdrawal

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[Docket No. 50-302; NRC-2013-XXXX]

Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant

Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is granting the request of Florida Power Corporation (the licensee), through its owner Duke Energy, to withdraw its June 15, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML112070659), application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-72 for the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant (CR-3), located in Florida, Citrus County. The proposed amendment would have revised the facility operating license and the technical specifications to support operation at an increased core thermal power level.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2013-XXXX when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, using any of the following methods:

- **Federal rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-XXXX. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

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- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Siva P. Lingam, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone: 301-415-1564; e-mail: siva.lingam@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NRC is granting the licensee's request to withdraw its June 15, 2011, application for proposed amendment to the CR-3 Facility Operating License No. DPR-72.

The proposed amendment would have increased the licensed core power level for CR-3 from 2609 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 3014 MWt. The increase in core thermal power would

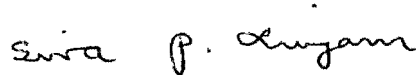
have been approximately 15.5 percent over the current licensed core thermal power level and was categorized as an extended power uprate.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Federal Register* on January 11, 2012 (77 FR 1743), and a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of draft environmental assessment related to the proposed amendment published in the *Federal Register* on January 16, 2013 (78 FR 3458). However, by letter dated February 7, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13043A027), the licensee withdrew the proposed change based on the determination to retire CR-3 due to economic disadvantages to fix the containment delamination that occurred during the steam generators replacement refueling outage. As a result, all the comments received on the above *Federal Register* notices will not be resolved and the environmental assessment will not be finalized.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 15, 2011, and the licensee's letter dated February 7, 2013, which withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of March 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



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