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Subject: St Lucie Unit 1-Acceptance Review Regarding Relief Request No. 5 from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Regarding Examination of Welds (TAC MF0675)

Dear Mr. Frehafer,

By letter dated February 4, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML13046A101), Florida Power & Light (the licensee) submitted a relief request for St. Lucie Unit 1. The purpose of this email is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this relief request. The submitted letter requested relief from Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 50, paragraph 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F)(4), which imposes a condition on American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Case N-770-1 requiring essentially 100-percent coverage be achieved for the baseline volumetric examinations of dissimilar metal welds at reactor coolant pump nozzles at St Lucie Unit 1. The licensee proposed an alternative to the required examination coverage for the subject welds as documented in Relief Request Number 5, Revision 0.

The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks.

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