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REGARDING GENERIC LETTER 93-04, "ROD CONTROL SYSTEM FAILURE
AND WITHDRAWAL OF ROD CONTROL CLUSTER ASSEMBLIES, 10 CFR 50.54 (f)"

Gentlemen:

The NRC issued Generic Letter 93-04, "Rod Control System Failure and Withdrawal of Rod Control Cluster Assemblies, 10 CFR 50.54 (f)," dated June 21, 1993. Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company provided responses for H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2 by letters dated August 5, 1993 and September 20, 1993. In our letter dated August 26, 1994, we stated that the current order timing will be modified to prevent any uncontrolled asymmetric rod withdrawals in the event of the failure identified at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2, and that the rod control surveillance test is being enhanced to verify that the Rod Control System order timing modification will prevent uncontrolled asymmetric rod withdrawals. By letter dated January 6, 1995, the NRC requested a commitment to implement the current order timing modification and the new current order surveillance test, to be performed at each refueling outage, developed by the Westinghouse Owners Group and approved by the NRC.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm CP&L's commitment for implementation of long-term actions as discussed in our letter dated August 26, 1994. HBRSEP will implement the current order timing modification during refueling outage 16, currently scheduled to begin in April 1995, and the new current order surveillance test by the end of refueling outage 16, as described in WCAP-13864, Rev. 1, "Rod Control System Evaluation Program," Westinghouse Technical Bulletin NSD-TB-94-05-RO, "Rod Control CRDM Timing Change," and "WOG Recommended Rod Control System Surveillance Test." The surveillance test will be performed at each refueling outage.

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Very truly yours,

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