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DELAY IN SUBMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING GENERIC LETTER 96-06,
"ASSURANCE OF EQUIPMENT OPERABILITY AND CONTAINMENT
INTEGRITY DURING DESIGN BASIS ACCIDENT CONDITIONS."

Dear Sir or Madam:

Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company provided the response for the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2, to Generic Letter 96-06, "Assurance Of Equipment Operability And Containment Integrity During Design Basis Accident Conditions," by letter dated January 28, 1997. By letter dated April 24, 1998, NRC requested additional information required to complete review of the response.

As discussed with the NRC Project Manager on June 11, 1998, CP&L will be participating in an industry collaborative project with EPRI and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to develop a unified generic technical basis to address requests for additional information related to the waterhammer issue. The project is expected to be completed on a schedule consistent with the NRC's desire to complete resolution of this issue by the end of 1999.

Since the EPRI product is expected to be complete within approximately one year, CP&L requests a delay in the submittal of a response to the NRC request for additional information accordingly. Because of the uncertainty in the availability date of the EPRI report, CP&L will provide a status of the EPRI effort by February 4, 1999.

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Very truly yours,



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