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INFORMATION REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AFFECTING A FIRE BARRIER

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC of Carolina Power and Light Company's intent regarding work which will affect equipment covered under the Plant Fire Protection Technical Specifications. Specifically, in order to accomplish reconditioning of the Component Cooling Water (CCW) heat exchangers, it is necessary to remove a section of a block wall located at the south end of the CCW heat exchanger room, which is in the Reactor Auxiliary Building. This wall constitutes an Appendix R fire barrier in Fire Area "C" (Fire Zone 5), as described in the Updated FSAR, Appendix 9.5.1A.

The fire barrier is scheduled to be removed from service on or about October 26, 1990 in order to allow for heat exchanger tube removal and replacement activities. This work is being performed with the Plant in a refueling outage, and is scheduled to be performed twenty-four hours a day until the fire barrier can be returned to service.

With the fire barrier inoperable, the compensatory actions required by Technical Specification 3.14.7.2 will be taken. It should be noted that at the present Plant condition this Technical Specification is not applicable because the equipment in this room is not required to be in service.

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Exceeding the Action Statement of Technical Specification 3.14.7 would require that a 30 Day Special Report be submitted identifying the reason the equipment was out of service, compensatory actions taken, and the plans for restoring the equipment to operable status. This letter provides such report in advance. Carolina Power and Light Company will keep the NRC Resident Office informed of activities associated with the above project while the equipment is out of service.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Mr. J. D. Kloosterman, 803-383-1491.

Very truly yours,

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