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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director, Region II  
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

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Please call me if you have further questions regarding freeze protection at St. Lucie Unit 1.

Very truly yours,

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