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RE: Florida Power & Light Company (St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 2), Docket No. 50-389A

Gentlemen:

Intensive settlement negotiations have been conducted between Florida Power & Light Company ("FP&L"), the Justice Department, the NRC Staff and the Cities. These negotiations continue. However, with the exception of the Orlando Utilities Commission ("Orlando"), at this time I cannot represent that there is sufficient likelihood that settlement will be reached between FP&L and intervenors other than Orlando to justify continued suspension of discovery.

Florida Cities support fully the desirability of settlement and intend to continue negotiations while discovery is in progress, so long as there is any hope that there can be settlement. However, there is, of course, a balance between encouraging settlement and avoiding unnecessary delay of proceedings.

The Cities and their Counsel are regretful to be forced to give such report, but under the circumstances, they respectfully request either that the Board order that the parties recommence discovery or, in the alternative, that it call a prehearing conference to assess the situation.

Respectfully submitted,
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