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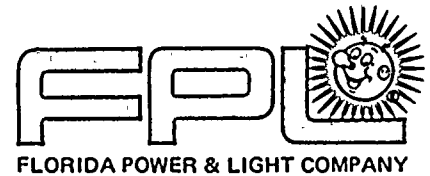
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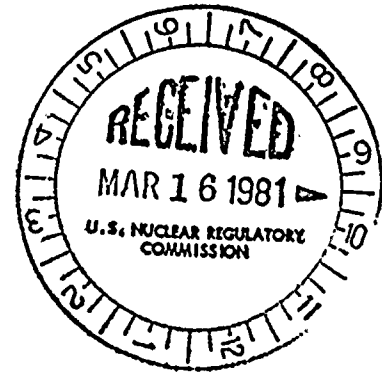
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March 9, 1981
L-81-105



Mr. Harold Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

Re: St. Lucie Unit 2
Docket No. 50-389
Independent Design Reviews

The meeting held March 2, 1981 between Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), its consultants, you, and the NRC staff was a very productive step towards evaluating the merits of the Independent Design Review (IDR) concept as it applies to our St. Lucie Unit 2. This concept, if properly implemented, can save considerable NRC staff review time and allow the issuance of a SER for St. Lucie Unit 2 on a schedule that will support its initial fuel loading in November, 1982.

Consequently, we are proceeding at full speed with our three pilot projects. These projects should provide the basis for demonstrating the technical aspects of the IDR. We respectfully request that you proceed with a parallel effort to implement the various legal and regulatory actions necessary to make this Independent Design Review process successful and meaningful to both your office and the utilities.

In this connection we suggest that before the program is expanded, it would be appropriate that it be formally approved by the Commission and implemented by a clear and definitive directive from your office. The document evidencing the Commission's approval and your directive should make clear what we understand to be our joint objective - - that the IDR is intended to facilitate and expedite Staff review, but not in any way to shift statutory responsibility for such review from the staff to others. Without the Commission's approval and issuance of such a policy statement, it is unlikely that the IDR will provide a significant reduction in the licensing time. Indeed, it may, in fact, complicate and extend the overall time required to issue an operating license.

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Harold Denton, Director
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We would be pleased to meet with you and your staff to discuss this matter,
and will be contacting you to arrange a convenient meeting time.

Very truly yours,



Robert E. Uhrig
Vice President
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cc: J. P. O'Reilly, Director, Region II
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