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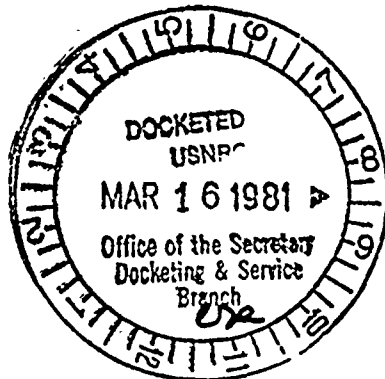
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The Honorable Joseph Hendrie
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20555



Dear Chairman Hendrie:

It is my understanding that you have been directly contacted by the Chairman of the Board of the Florida Power and Light Company, Mr. Marshall McDonald.

It is my further understanding that the Chairman of the Board has requested that the NRC base the licensing schedule for FP&L's unit presently under construction--St. Lucie #2--on an October, 1982, rather than a December, 1983, completion date. If the licensing date is unchanged, I am advised that because the unit will be completed in October, 1982, it will have to remain idle until December, 1983; that it will cause FP&L to purchase and burn over 9 million barrels of foreign oil unnecessarily; that the burning of this foreign oil will cost the consumers over \$300,000,000; that the capital cost of the unit will increase tremendously; and that it would delay FP&L's ability to convert to coal fired generation from oil fired generation.

I would appreciate your consideration of these points consistent with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Sincerely,

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