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SUBJECT: Requests extension of four months to annual exam requirement for 1983 for operation requalification, per 10CFR55, App A. Delay in preparing program due to commitment to initial startup activities for Unit 2.

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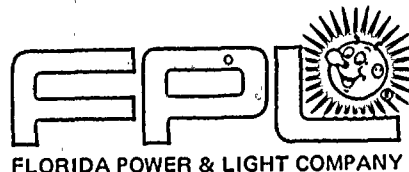
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations  
Attention: Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director  
Division of Licensing  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Re: St. Lucie Units 1 & 2  
Docket Nos. 50-335 & 50-389  
Operator Requalification

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54 (i-1), Florida Power & Light Company is requesting specific NRC authorization of an extension of four months to the Annual Examination Requirement for the 1983 year. Justification for this extension is as follows:

Appendix A of 10 CFR 55, "Requalification Program Requirements", requires annual written examinations which determine areas in which retraining is needed to upgrade Licensed Operator and Senior Operator knowledge.

At the St. Lucie Plant Site, our 1983 Licensed Operator Requalification Program Lecture Series began October 31, 1983. The delay in starting the lecture series was due in part to the major commitment of the Plant operating staff to the St. Lucie Unit #2 Startup and Power Ascension Program.

As you well know, licensed operators gain valuable experience by participating in the initial startup of a new unit. It is the contention of Florida Power and Light Company that our existing Requalification Program combined with the operating experience gained by participation in the Unit 2 Startup and Power Ascension Program meets the intent of 10 CFR 55 Requalification Program Requirements.

At present all licensed personnel are scheduled to take their annual written and oral exams from February 13, 1984 thru March 16, 1984. With this schedule 16 of our licensed operating staff will not have been administered an annual written exam within the last 12 months. Eleven of these operators actively participated in the Unit 2 Power Ascension Program. The remaining 5 operators are assigned duties at Unit 1 which is presently de-fueled and not scheduled to return to power operation until after April 1984.

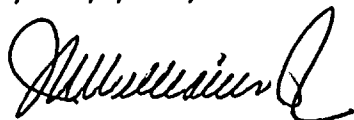
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Due to the above conditions and circumstances, Florida Power and Light Company believes an extension of 4 months to the Annual Examination Requirement for the 1983 year is justified.

Very truly yours,



J. W. Williams, Jr.  
Vice President  
Nuclear Energy

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cc: Bruce Wilson, NRC Region II

