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SUBJECT: Requests NRC approval to use ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code Case 4-416, "Alternative Rules for Hydrostatic Testing of Repair or Replacement of Class 2 Piping," to satisfy requirements of ASME Code, Section XI, IWA-4400. Fee paid.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Attention: Ashok C. Thadani PWR Project Directorate #8 Division of PWR Licensing - B U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Thadani:

Re: St. Lucie Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-335 and 50-389
Alternative Rules for Hydrostatic Testing
of Repair or Replacement of Class 2 Piping
Section XI, Division 1

Florida Power & Light Company requests NRC approval to use ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Case N-416, "Alternative Rules for Hydrostatic Testing of Repair or Replacement of Class 2 Piping" at St. Lucie Units 1 and 2, to satisfy the inservice Pressure Testing Requirements of the ASME Code, Section XI, IWA-4400, as permitted by 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3). A copy of Code Case N-416 is attached.

For repair or replacement of Class 2 piping that cannot be isolated by existing valves or that require securing safety or relief valves for isolation, the pressure test required by IWA-4400 will be deferred until the next regularly scheduled system hydrostatic tests (IWC-5000), with the repaired or replaced piping subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Prior to or immediately upon return to service, a visual (VT-2) examination for leakage shall be conducted during a system functional test or during a system inservice test in the repaired or replaced portion of the piping system.
- (b) The repair or replacement welds shall be examined in accordance with IWA-4000 and IWA-7000 using volumetric examination methods (IWA-2230) for full penetration welds or surface examination methods (IWA-2220) for partial penetration welds.

The ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Committee approved Code Case N-416 on December 5, 1984.

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1/, pou? The Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved this Code Case on April 15, 1985, and per discussion with your staff, this Code Case is scheduled to be included in the next revision (Rev. 5) of NRC Regulatory Guide 1.147.

In the NRC letter of May 1, 1986 regarding use of Code Case N-416 for Turkey Point Plant, Units 3 and 4, (Ref: TAC Numbers 61128 and 61129) the staff acknowledges that Code Case N-416 is an acceptable Code Case which is approved as written with no additional requirements other than those specified in the Code Case. NRC approval letter is attached.

Performance of these tests would result in considerable exposure of personnel to radiation and significantly increase the risk of component damage or failure without compensating increase in the level of quality and safety.

Based on the above information, Florida Power & Light Company requests approval to implement Code Case N-416 during the First Ten-Year Inspection Interval for St. Lucie Unit 1, which began on December 21, 1976 and ends on February 11, 1988 and St. Lucie Unit 2, which began on August 8, 1983 and ends on August 8, 1993.

Enclosed please find check in the amount of \$150.00

Very truly yours,

O. Woody Group Vice President

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Attachments: 1) ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Case N-416

NRC Approval Letter of Code Case N-416 for PTP 3 & 4

Dr. J. Nelson Grace, Regional Administrator, cc: Region II, USNRC

Harold F. Reis, Esquire

### CASES OF ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE

Approval Date: December 5, 1964

See Numeric Index for expiration and any reaffirmation dates.

# Case N-416 Alternative Rules for Hydrostatic Testing of Repair or Replacement of Class 2 Piping Section XI, Division 1

- E Inquiry: For Section XI, Division 1, repair or replacement of Class 2 piping that cannot be isolated by existing valves or that requires securing safety or relief valves for isolation, may the system hydrostatic test required by IWA-4400 (IWA-4210 in earlier Code editions) be deferred until the next regularly scheduled system hydrostatic test (IWC-5000) for that system?
- Reply: It is the opinion of the Committee that the system hydrostatic test required by IWA-4400 (IWA-4210 in earlier Code editions) for repair or replacement

- of Class 2 piping that cannot be isolated by existing valves or that requires securing safety or relief valves for isolation may be deferred until the next regularly scheduled system hydrostatic tests (IWC-5000), provided both of the following conditions are met.
- (a) Prior to or immediately upon return to service, a visual examination (VT-2) for leakage shall be conducted during a system functional test or during a system inservice test in the repaired or replaced portion of the piping system.
- (b) The repair or replacement welds shall be examined in accordance with IWA-4000 and IWA-7000 using volumetric examination methods (IWA-2230) for full penetration welds or surface examination methods (IWA-2220) for partial penetration welds.