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SUBJECT: Reiterates util intent to ref C-E topical rept, "C-E Methodology for Core Designs Containing Gadolina-Urania Burnable Absorbers," to support preparations for ordering fuel for Cycle 5 refueling scheduled to begin in Mar 1989.

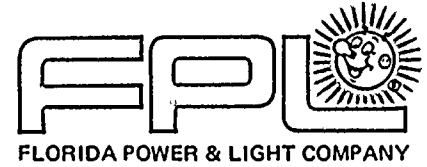
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Gentlemen:

Re: St. Lucie Unit 2  
Docket No. 50-389  
Use of Gadolinia in Combustion Engineering Fuel

Gentlemen:

On November 19, 1986, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) and Combustion Engineering (CE) met with the NRC staff to discuss a forthcoming CE Topical Report, "CE Methodology for Core Designs Containing Gadolinia-Urania Burnable Absorbers." FPL stated its intent to reference this topical report in an upcoming reload for St. Lucie Unit 2. In this meeting, FPL discussed its requirements for NRC approval of the topical report for St. Lucie Unit 2, Cycle 5. CE discussed that it intended to submit the topical report in April 1987 and the staff stated that it felt that it would be able to meet a January 1988 Safety Evaluation due date. CE submitted the topical report to the NRC on April 22, 1987 by CE letter LD-87-019.

The purpose of this letter is to reiterate FPL's intent to reference this topical report to support preparations for ordering fuel for St. Lucie Unit 2 by January 1988. St. Lucie Unit 2 Cycle 5 refueling is scheduled to begin in March 1989.

FPL and CE are prepared to meet with the staff at the earliest opportunity to support review of the methodology described in the topical report.

Please contact us to discuss FPL's application of this methodology or to establish a meeting on this topic.

Very truly yours,

C. O. Woody  
Group Vice President  
Nuclear Energy

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