

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING
FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 50-335

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by Florida Power and Light Company (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-67, issued to the licensee for operation of the St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 1 (the facility) located in St. Lucie County, Florida.

The proposed amendment would have increased the steam generator tube plugging limit from 40% to 54%. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the Amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on February 18, 1987 (52 FR 4982). The licensee's application for amendment was dated December 12, 1986, as supplemented September 10, 1987.

The request was denied at this time based upon the following considerations. The staff was not satisfied that the proposed plugging limit made adequate allowance for eddy current measurement error. The licensee provided supporting data from field and laboratory tube specimens. The field data was very limited and did not provide a clear-cut basis for assuming that the measurement error was as small as was being assumed. The laboratory data was more extensive but did not conclusively demonstrate measurement accuracy which can be achieved for intergranular attack at eggcrate supports and tubesheet locations under actual field conditions.

The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of this request by letter dated July 7, 1988.

By July 7, 1988, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for a hearing or for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. by the above date.

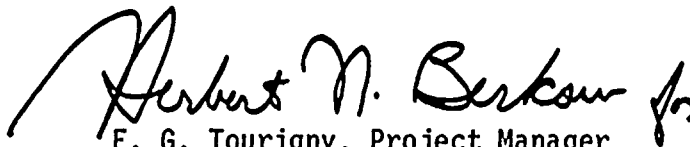
A copy of any petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Harold F. Reis, Esq., Newman and Holtzinger, 1615 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated December 12, 1986, as supplemented September 10, 1987, and (2) the Commission's letter to Florida Power and Light Company dated July 7, 1988, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Indian River Junior College Library, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Copies of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects-I/II.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this seventh day of July, 1988..

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Herbert N. Berkow" followed by a stylized flourish.

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