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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D. C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Re: St. Lucie Unit 2
Docket No. 50-389
Steam Generator Tube Sample Selection and Inspection

By letter L-87-369 dated September 4, 1987, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) requested an amendment to the St. Lucie Unit 2 Technical Specifications to revise Surveillance Requirement 4.4.5.2, Steam Generator Tube Sample Selection and Inspection. The amendment proposed exclusion of tubes in the "batwing" area of the steam generator from the sample selection. Tubes in the "batwing" area were proposed to be inspected full length with results from the "batwing" intersections not to be included in the determination of the category of inspection results.

On October 15, 1987, the Commission issued Amendment 24 to St. Lucie Unit 2 which temporarily added a special tube inspection region associated with the "batwings" of the steam generators. As discussed in the Safety Evaluation, the Staff did not have an opportunity to review the tests, analyses and operating experience in sufficient detail to reach a conclusion regarding a permanent change to the technical specifications. However, as stated by the NRC in the Safety Evaluation, adequate basis existed for an interim change to the technical specifications. Based on this, the staff granted a one time only change and stated it would review the request as a permanent change at a later date.

On July 22, 1988, a conference call was held between the Staff and FPL to discuss the results of the Staff review for a permanent change. Following this call and FPL review of Staff comments, FPL withdraws the subject amendment request from NRC review.

Very truly yours,

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