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Gentlemen:

Re: St. Lucie Unit 2
Docket No. 50-389
Proposed License Amendment
Control Element Assembly Drop Time

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.90, Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) submits herewith a request to amend Facility Operating License NPF-16.

This amendment is submitted to revise the control element assembly (CEA) drop time based on FPL's review of NRC Information Notice No. 88-47, "Slower-Than-Expected Rod-Drop Time Testing", and Combustion Engineering's (CE) Info-Bulletin 88-03, "CEA Drop Time Testing", dated July 14, 1988 and June 14, 1988, respectively. These documents contained information on the slower control element drive mechanism (CEDM) coil electromagnetic field decay time associated with CEDM design which results when power is interrupted through the reactor trip breakers as compared to interruption through the individual CEDM circuit breakers. The 90% insertion time for the CEA's is being increased from 2.7 seconds to 3.1 seconds.

A marked up copy of the affected Technical Specification page is included as Attachment 1. A Safety Analysis in support of the proposed amendment is included as Attachment 2. A "Determination of No Significant Hazards Consideration" is provided as Attachment 3. Attachment 4 contains a discussion of the events which were re-analyzed in support of the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment has been reviewed by the St. Lucie Facility Review Group and the Florida Power & Light Company Nuclear Review Board.

Staff review and approval of the proposed license amendment is requested by March 1, 1989, to support the startup of St. Lucie.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 (b)(1), a copy of the proposed amendment is being forwarded to the state designee for the State of Florida.

In accordance with 10 CFR 170.21, FPL Check No. 9492 is attached as remittance for the license amendment application fee.

Please contact us if there are any questions about this submittal.

Very truly yours,


W. F. Conway
Senior Vice President - Nuclear

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Attachments (4)

cc: Malcolm L. Ernst, Acting Regional Administrator,
Region II, USNRC
Senior Resident Inspector, USNRC, St. Lucie Plant
Mr. Jacob Nash, Florida Department of Health
and Rehabilitative Services



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STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

W. F. Conway being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is Senior Vice President - Nuclear, of Florida Power and Light Company, the Licensee herein;

That he has executed the foregoing document; that the statements made in this document are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, and that he is authorized to execute the document on behalf of said Licensee.

W. F. Conway
W. F. Conway

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
20 day of October, 1988.

Roberta S. Economy
NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the County of
Palm Beach, State of Florida

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