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Attn: Document Control Desk
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RE: St. Lucie Unit 1
Docket No. 50-335
ASME Code Case N-481

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(a)(3), Florida Power and Light Company intends to invoke ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Case N-481, Alternative Examination Requirements for Cast Austenitic Pump Casing, in place of relief request 7 in the Second Ten Year Inspection Plan for St. Lucie Unit 1. Implementation of Code Case N-481 is planned during the next Unit 1 refueling outage which is scheduled to begin in March 1993.

This code case provides alternative visual examinations in place of the volumetric examination of pressure retaining welds on the reactor coolant pumps (RCP). The required evaluation referenced in the code case is Combustion Engineering Owners Group Topical Report CEN-412, Revision 1, Relaxation of Reactor Coolant Pump Casing Inspection Requirements and is available upon request. The evaluation shows that the St. Lucie Unit 1 RCP casing integrity is maintained for 130 years under expected service conditions. NRC letter (J. E. Richardson to J. J. Hutchinson) dated November 4, 1992, regarding CEN-412 stated the NRC would not review the topical report but that it should be retained at the plant site for NRC audit. In addition, the above NRC letter stated NRC approval of Code Case N-481 was documented in Revision 9 of Regulatory Guide 1.147, Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability ASME Section XI Division 1, dated April 1992 and requested notification by licensees planning to invoke this code case..

The Code Case N-481 will be included in the next revision of the St. Lucie Unit 1 Ten Year Inspection Program. Please contact us if there are any questions about this submittal.

Very truly yours,

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