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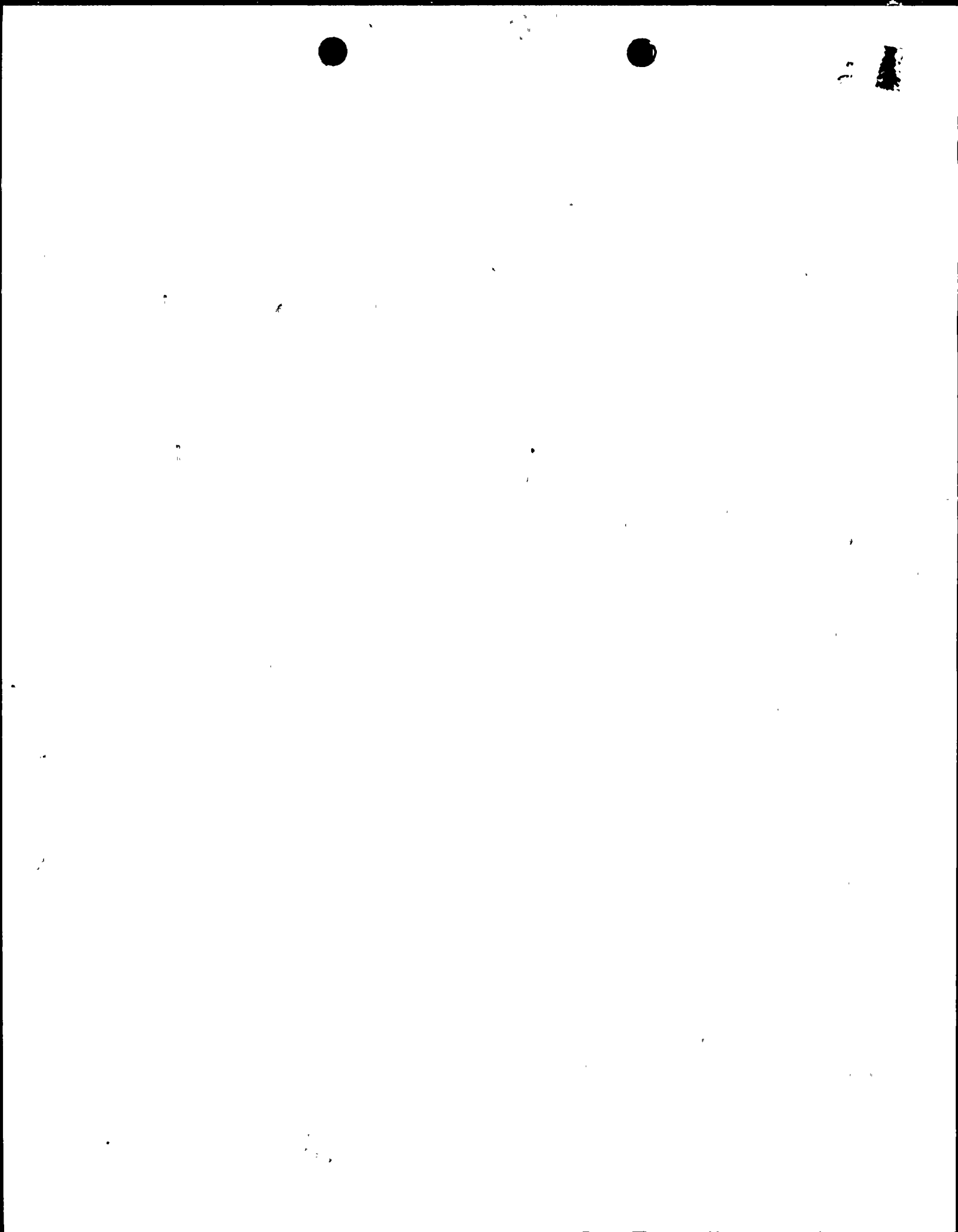
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Docket No. 50-389  
Inservice-Inspection (ISI) Plan  
Second Ten-Year Interval  
ASME Code Case N-533 - Supplement

On November 19, 1996, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a, (Footnote 6) and 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3), Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) requested approval to incorporate Code Case N-533, *Alternative Requirements for VT-2 Visual Examination of Class 1 Insulated Pressure-Retaining Bolted Connections, Section XI, Division 1*, for use in the St. Lucie Unit 2 Ten-Year Inservice Inspection Program. The request was submitted by FPL letter L-96-304.

In a telephone call on December 26, 1996, the NRC Project Manager for St. Lucie requested FPL to clarify its commitment for insulation removal on the bolted connections in Class 1 systems and VT-2 visual examinations in accordance with paragraph (b) of the Code Case.

Each refueling outage, FPL will remove the insulation from the bolted connections in Class 1 systems and perform a VT-2 visual examination in accordance with paragraph (b) of the Code Case. The connections are not required to be pressurized during the visual examination and any evidence of leakage will be evaluated in accordance with IWA-5250. In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of the Code Case, the system pressure test and VT-2 visual examination with insulation installed on bolted joints at normal operating pressure and temperature (NOP/NOT) will include a 4-hour hold time and will be completed prior to returning the unit to service.

Please contact us if there are any additional questions.

Very truly yours,

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