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SUBJECT: Forwards Insp Rept 50-400/87-40 on 870924-1127 & notice of violation. One issue from Insp Rept 50-400/87-37 contained in encl notice of violation. Concerns expressed over valve operability determinations during events of Feb & Oct 1987.

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Carolina Power and Light Company

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-400/87-37 AND NRC INSPECTION REPORT
NO. 50-400/87-40)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspections conducted by G. F. Maxwell on September 24 - October 27, 1987 and October 27 - November 27, 1987. The one issue from Inspection Report 50-400/87-37 transmitted by this letter is contained in violation A of the enclosed Notice of Violation. The report documenting that inspection was sent to you by letter dated November 10, 1987. The remaining issues addressed in this letter pertain to Inspection Report 50-400/87-40. Inspection Report 50-400/87-40 included a review of activities authorized for your Harris facility. At the conclusion of this inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

Areas examined during this inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. Based on additional information discussed at the enforcement conference conducted with your staff on November 20, 1987, violations A and B in the enclosed Notice of Violation have been categorized at Severity Level IV. The violations, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation. In addition to the enclosed violations, we are also concerned over your valve operability determinations during the events of February and October 1987 involving reactor coolant system vent (RCSV) valve spurious actuations. Our position is that the RSCV valves that were pressurized open during these events should, in fact, have been declared inoperable. As such, we are requesting that you include in your response an evaluation of your process for making operability determinations and identify any appropriate changes you have made or will make to strengthen this process.

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The violation described in the enclosed Inspection Report, paragraph 3 is similar to a violation contained in the Notice sent to you by our letter dated September 8, 1987. Because "similar violations," as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy, are of significant concern to the NRC, please give particular attention in your response to the identification of the root cause of this problem and your corrective action to prevent recurrence.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and its enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

J. Nelson Grace
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report 50-400/87-40

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