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By letter dated February 7, 2019 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML19038A471), Florida Power & Light Company (the licensee) submitted requests for alternatives to the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (B&PV Code) for Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-67 for St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 1.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of these alternative requests. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's submittal and concluded that it provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which the NRC staff identifies issues that affect its ability to complete the detailed technical review despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If the NRC staff needs additional information, it will notify the licensee by separate correspondence.

The NRC staff has estimated that it will take approximately 240 hours to complete its review of these alternative requests and that it will complete its review within one year of submittal of the application (i.e., by February 2020) as requested by the licensee. These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and could change because of several factors, such as requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of application scope, review by NRC advisory committees, or hearing related activities. Additional delay may occur if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance of or in parallel with industry program initiatives or pilot applications. If complexities or challenges during the review cause significant changes to the estimated hours or completion date, the assigned project manager will communicate the new estimates and reasons for the changes to the licensee during routine interactions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-6020 or by e-mail at Robert.Schaaf@nrc.gov, or Perry Buckberg at (301) 415-1383 or by e-mail at Perry.Buckberg@nrc.gov.

Regards,

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