

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

April 13, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-81

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

FACILITY: Carolina Power and Light Co. Florida Power and Light Co.
H. B. Robinson Unit No. 2 Turkey Point Unit Nos. 3 and 4
Docket No. 50-261 Docket Nos. 50-250, 50-251
Hartsville, South Carolina Florida City, Florida

SUBJECT: SAFETY RELATED PIPE STRESS METHODOLOGY CONCERN

Recent information received by NRR concerning methods utilized by subject licensees in determination of pipe stresses, a potential problem was identified. The concern was the Westinghouse method of summing pipe stresses for the above facilities. An IAL has been issued by Region II to both licensees confirming that the units shall not be returned to power until authorized by NRC. A meeting was held this date involving NRR, Florida Power and Light Company and Westinghouse representatives. The meeting of today achieved satisfactory resolution of the concerns relating to Florida Power and Light Company facilities - Turkey Point Units 3 and 4. The restriction has been lifted for these facilities.

Carolina Power and Light Company (H. B. Robinson Unit No. 2) has not, as of this date, met with NRR and, accordingly the restriction remains in effect.

H. B. Robinson 2 and Turkey Point 4 are presently in refueling shutdowns which are expected to be completed in early June 1979. Turkey Point 3 has just completed a refueling shutdown and is scheduled to return to power on Saturday, April 14.

Media interest is anticipated due to the subject matter. The licensees are considering a news release. A news release is being issued by NRC. The States of South Carolina and Florida have been notified.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telecon from NRR at 3:30 p.m. on April 12. This information is current as of 8 a.m. on April 13.

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