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Docket No. 50-302

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Gentlemen:

This letter is to inform you that we are postponing for approximately ten months the continuation of the review of your Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) for Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant. This postponement corresponds to a like delay in your best estimate fuel loading and it is intended not to interfere with your stated plans for plant startup and operation.

In your letter of May 30, 1972, we were informed that Florida Power Corporation expects to revise, in the near future, its Application for Licenses to state that construction of Crystal River Unit 3 is scheduled for earliest fuel loading to begin in May 1974, with latest fuel loading to begin in December 1974. In a subsequent telephone conversation, Mr. J. Hancock of your staff identified September 1974 as your best estimate date for fuel loading. Because of the demand upon the regulatory staff with other license applications, we deem it prudent to postpone continuation of your safety review consistent with these revised fuel loading dates.

As of this time we have completed our initial review of your FSAR, have requested additional information, and have received replies to nearly all of these requests. It is our understanding that the few outstanding requests will be answered shortly. Review of these replies will be postponed ten months, and if further information is still required, requests will be forwarded about June 1973. We plan on reviewing your application for an operating license with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in November 1973. This schedule is intended to provide timely review and licensing of Crystal River Unit 3 consistent with your revised schedule for plant operation.

Because of their potentially significant effect on continued construction, our review of a few items will not be postponed. Two such items are the resolution of the maximum water level at the plant site and the seismic

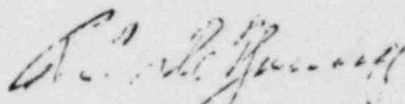
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design adequacy of the secondary steam lines. You will receive additional communication from us concerning these items shortly.

This postponement only applies to the review of the FSAR. No change to the present schedule for review and processing of your Environmental Report has occurred.

If you desire amplification or additional discussion concerning this postponement, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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