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 Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director, Region II
 Office of Inspection and Enforcement
 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100
 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Re: RII:JPO
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IE Bulletin 79-01B

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Florida Power & Light Company expects to submit the information requested in the subject Bulletin earlier for St. Lucie Unit 1 than reported in our letter of March 4, 1980 (L-80-65).

As discussed with Messrs. Conlin, Hardwick, and Ruff on April 1, 1980, we expect to submit the 45-day response (action item 7.a) before June 1, 1980 and the 90-day response (action item 7.b) before July 31, 1980. These dates, which reflect a 2 to 3 month improvement in our original schedule, are based on current estimates of manpower required to complete the submittals, delays in obtaining documentation from vendors, and the expanded scope of the Bulletin.

A staff of approximately 15 engineers has been working towards preparing the Bulletin submittals. Considerable effort has been applied to the Bulletin, and approximately 40% of the work is complete. Our schedule continues to include this level of manpower and also provides for final review of the completed submittal, as required by our Quality Assurance Program.

Delays in obtaining documentation from vendors has slowed progress. Although fewer delays have been experienced than originally expected, delays are expected to continue, and therefore add to schedular constraints.

Florida Power & Light Company considers the above dates to be a realistic schedule for completing the remaining Bulletin work. We will, however, continue to proceed towards submitting a response at the earliest date.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert E. Uhrig".

Robert E. Uhrig
 Vice President
 Advanced Systems & Technology

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cc: Harold F. Reis, Esquire

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