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Mr. Richard C. DeYoung Assistant Director for Pressurized Water Reactors Directorate of Licensing U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. DeYoung:

Reference is made to your letter of 6 March 1971 regarding Docket 50-302, the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) and subsequent Amendments 1 through 28 thereto, for Florida Power Corporation's Crystal River, Unit 3.

In accordance with our arrangement, an engineer from the CERC staff has reviewed pertinent information in the (FSAR) report leading to the establishment of the maximum and minimum design water levels at the plant site. It is his opinion with which I concur, that for design purposes the following water levels should be required:

a. Probable Maximum Still Water Level, exclusive of wave action, E1. 121.4 ft. (E1. 33.4 ft., MLW).

b. Probable Minimum Water Level El. 79.0 ft. (El.-9.0 ft., MLW).

c. Minimum Flood Protection Level E1. 127.0 ft. (E1. 39.0 ft., MLW).

Re-analyses of the Probable Maximum hurricane parameters and the mathematical hurricane surge model have confirmed our earlier determination of the Probable Maximum still water level at El. 121.4 ft. (El. 33.4 ft., MLW). The applicant, although proposing a Probable Maximum still water level of El. 117.4 ft. (El. 21.4 ft., MWL), has provided calculations for the wave runup and flood protection level resulting from wave action coincident with





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the higher water level of E1. 121.4 ft. (E1. 33.4 ft.,MLW). These calculations are contained in Section 9.0 of the appended report "Crystal River Unit 3 - Hurricane Study," Gilbert Associates, Inc., Report No. 1807, July 11, 1973. I concur with the applicant's analysis, presented in this latter supplement, that flood protection to either E1. 127.0 ft. (E1. 39.0 ft., MLW) provided the embankments on the south and west sides of the plant are increased to E1. 127.0 ft. (E1. 39.0 ft., MLW), or E1. 129.0 ft. (E1. 41.0 ft., MLW) provided the embankments on the south and west sides of the plant are maintained to E1. 118.5 ft. (E1. 30.5 ft., MLW) is consistent with a Probable Maximum still water level of E1. 121.4 ft. (E1. 33.4 ft., MLW).

Sincerely yours Ludyer JAMES L. TRAYERS

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