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3737 Government Street
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Ms. Suzanne Black
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Ms. Black:

Re: Draft EIS, Operation of Waterford Steam Electric Station
Unit No. 3, LA Power and Light

As requested, we have reviewed the draft EIS on the operation of Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit No. 3.

The approximately 100 acres of land that will be utilized during construction and operation are classified as prime farmland.

Prime farmlands are those whose value derives from their general advantage as cropland due to soil and water conditions. This land does not have to be presently in row crops to be classified as prime farmland. Prime farmland can be cropland, pastureland, forestland, or other land, but not urban builtup land.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments on the draft EIS.

Sincerely,

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State Conservationist

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