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Dear Mr. Hancock:

SUBJECT: NUREG-0737 ITEM II.K.2.16 RCP SEAL DAMAGE

In our November 23, 1981 letter we stated that FPC has adequately demonstrated the continued integrity of their RCP seals upon a loss-of-offsite power event. We further stated our conclusion is based on the continued supply of seal injection coolant which is automatically initiated and powered by the emergency diesel generators. We now find that though the Crystal River Unit No1 3 SIW cooling system is loaded sequentially on the Diesel Generator on loss-of-offsite power it is not initiated automatically. Therefore since SIW system operation relies upon operator action to reinstate the RCP seal injection water upon loss-of-offsite power we have determined either the following actions be provided in order to resolve the II.K.2.16 issue for Crystal River Unit No. 3: (1) confirmatory experimentation demonstrating the RCP seal integrity is maintained after two hours of coolant deprivation and quenching as a result of reinstating seal injection water, or (2) automation of the cooling systems such that the seal injection water is automatically maintained following loss-of-offsite power, or (3) re-analysis of FSAR Chapter 14 transients and accidents demonstrating the seal failure will not result in unacceptable consequences.

We request within 30 days from receipt of this letter, your commitment, description of method, and schedule for resolution of the II.K.2.16 issue.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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