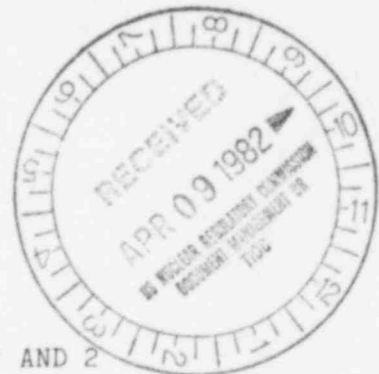




Carolina Power & Light Company

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
ATTN: Mr. D. B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555



BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-325 AND 50-324
LICENSE NOS. DPR-71 AND DPR-62
REQUEST FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT
RPIS REED SWITCH OPERABILITY INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT

Dear Mr. Vassallo:

SUMMARY

By our letter to Mr. T. A. Ippolito dated September 25, 1981, Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) requested revision to Technical Specifications (TS) for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEF) Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The revision was requested to change the requirement for the reportability of inoperable reed switches in the Rod Position Indication System (RPIS) and reduce the number of routine Licensee Event Reports (LERs). Subsequent to our letter of September 25, 1981, the NRC Staff requested additional information on the subject matter. This letter responds to the NRC Staff request by providing revised TS pages to replace those submitted on September 25, 1981.

DISCUSSION

This letter is to provide additional information as requested by NRC in a January 27, 1982 telephone conversation with CP&L Licensing. The conversation concluded with NRC requesting CP&L to revise our proposed TS pages to require documentation, in the 10 CFR 50.59 annual report, of all control rod reed switch failures not previously reported pursuant to the revised Technical Specification 3.1.3.7.a.1.d. CP&L is also including a TS change that will require annual reporting of all SR/V challenges; TS reportability of SR/V challenges and failures is discussed in NUREG-0737, Item II.K.3.3. Reporting of SR/V failures is already covered by TS 6.9.1.9.

NRC approval of CP&L's request to change the requirement for the reportability of inoperable reed switches would prevent CP&L and NRC personnel from spending valuable time on inoperable reed switch LERs. A review of BSEP records from 1979 through mid-1981 shows RPIS LERs to be responsible for 7% of all LERs. Clearly, too much manpower has been involved in reporting these events which have no safety significance.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The enclosed Technical Specification pages have the changes indicated by vertical lines in the right hand margins. Since the enclosed changes supplement our September 25, 1981 submittal and are in response to

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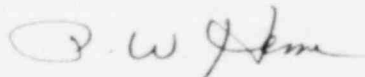
Mr. Vassallo

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NRC's request for additional information, license amendment fees are not required. Fees were remitted with our September 25, 1981 submittal.

Please contact our staff should you have any questions regarding this information.

Yours very truly,



P. W. Howe
Vice President
Technical Services

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly (NRC-RII)
Mr. J. Van Vliet (NRC)

P. W. Howe, having been first duly sworn, did depose and say that the information contained herein is true and correct to his own personal knowledge or based upon information and belief.


Notary (Seal)

My commission expires: 10/4/86

