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Dear Mr. Beard:

SUBJECT: CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT UNIT 3 - CORE FLOOD LEVEL
 INSTRUMENTATION (REGULATORY GUIDE 1.97)

Our letter dated December 16, 1993, forwarded a safety evaluation (SE) relating to accumulator level instrumentation. The SE provided justification for reclassifying core flood tank level and pressure instrumentation from Category 2 to Category 3. By letter dated February 7, 1994, you informed us that, consistent with the SE, the accumulator level and pressure instrumentation will be reclassified as Category 3.

Your February 7, 1994, letter indicates that you will also change the limit switches on the motor operators for the tank discharge valves to Category 3. Your basis for this change is: "Using this same justification [i.e, SE], FPC has determined that the limit switches on the motor operators for the tank discharge valves can also be reclassified as Category 3 since they perform a similar function." The reclassification of subject limit switches is not addressed in our SE. Your letter neither requested our approval of this additional change nor did it provide any detailed information regarding the function of the limit switches for us to make a determination on the acceptability of reclassifying them. Your unilateral extrapolation of our December 16, 1993 SE for reclassifying the limit switches without our review, irrespective of its safety significance, is inappropriate and is not acceptable.

The limit switches should continue to be classified as Category 2 until you make specific submittal for our review and approval of their reclassification. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 504-1471.

Sincerely,



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