OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Louisiana Power and Light Company, New Orleans, Louisiana

Waterford Steam Electric Company, Unit 3

Docket No. 50-382 (Construction Permit No. CPPR-103)

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$20,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and a Notice of Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$20,000 will be issued to Louisiana Power and Light Company on or about December 6, 1982. This action is based on a violation of NRC's Quality Assurance requirements as illustrated by numerous deficiencies and discrepancies noted by the licensee's startup and QA organizations in both the as-built condition of systems offered for startup testing by the prime contractor and deficiencies in the supporting quality documentation. This breakdown was primarily due to insufficient participation by the licensee in the implementation of quality assurance programs. LP&L failed to exercise adequate oversight and control over contractors, to whom implementation of quality assurance programs had been delegated, and dedicated only minimal LP&L resources to quality assurance programs.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director of Inspection and Enforcement to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice December 6, 1982 Telephone Notification of Licensee December 6, 1982

A news release will be issued at about the time the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Louisiana will be notified.

The licensee has 30 days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC Staff evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated or imposed by Order.

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