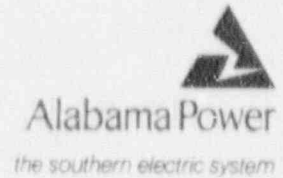


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Gentlemen:

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 and 2  
Revisions to Snubber Visual Inspection Intervals  
In Accordance with Generic Letter 90-09

Provided herein are proposed technical specification changes for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 which reference Generic Letter 90-09, "Alternate Requirements for Snubber Visual Inspection Intervals and Corrective Actions." Certain technical specifications regarding snubber surveillance requirements have been revised to reflect the recommended surveillance requirements set forth in Generic Letter 90-09.

Attachment 1 provides the proposed technical specification changes relating to the revision of the Surveillance Requirements for snubbers. This proposed change will provide consistency with the current guidance recommended by Generic Letter 90-09 which will maintain the same confidence level as the present visual surveillance requirements and reduce radiation exposure for plant personnel. Revisions to the wording of the Generic Letter 90-09 proposed technical specifications were made to maintain consistency with the current FNP technical specification definition of snubber categorization and disposition of visual failures. These revisions were discussed with and agreed upon by the NRC staff prior to this submittal. The revision of these requirements necessitates revised page and paragraph numbers throughout the remainder of the section.

Attachment 2 contains the required significant hazards analysis pursuant to 10 CFR 50.92. Based on the analysis provided, Alabama Power Company has determined that the proposed changes to the technical specifications will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The Plant Operations Review Committee has reviewed and approved these proposed changes and the Nuclear Operations Review Board will review these proposed changes at a future meeting. NRC approval of these proposed changes is

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requested by March 8, 1991. By meeting this schedule, Alabama Power Company can apply the revised inspection criteria for surveillance in the upcoming Unit 1 outage and thereby reduce radiation exposure during the outage by approximately 5 rem.

A copy of these proposed changes is being sent to Dr. C. E. Fox, the Alabama State Designee, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 (b)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY



for W. G. Hairston, III

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1991.

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 9/14/94

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