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In the Matter of
Louisiana Power and Light Company
(Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3)
Docket No. 50-382

Dear Administrative Judges:

This is to inform you that there is presently pending before the NRC Staff ("Staff") an application submitted by Louisiana Power & Light Company pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 70, for a license to receive, possess and store special nuclear material required for the operation of Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The Applicant has requested that the special nuclear material license be effective as of January 31, 1983, until an operating license for Waterford Unit 3 has been issued.

The Staff is presently engaged in a review of the special nuclear material license application. It is my understanding that, subject to making favorable findings in accordance with applicable requirements, the Staff will issue the requested license in January, 1983.

The above referenced license application does not relate to any issues being adjudicated by the Licensing Board in the operating license proceeding, and no action by the Licensing Board with respect to this application is required.

Sincerely,

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