FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. 50-302

NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by Florida Power Corporation, (licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-72 issued to the licensee for operation of the Crystal River Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit No. 3, located in Citrus County, Florida. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November 14, 1990 (55 FR 47570).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to add a limiting condition for operation for new low temperature overpressure protection (LTOP) and to revise the reactor coolant system (RCS) heatup and cooldown pressure-temperature (PT) operating limits for operation up to 15 effective-full-power-years. On February 7, 1991, by Amendment No. 133, the NRC staff approved RCS heatup and cooldown PT curves for operation up to 15 effective-full-power-years. Amendment No. 133 did not address the licensee's proposed TS changes for LTOP, which is the subject of this notice.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request for LTOP TS changes cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated August 31, 1995.

By October 13, 1995, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Offic€ of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to A.H. Stephens, General Counsel, Florida Power Corporation, MAC-A5D, P.O. Box 14042, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated October 31, 1989, as supplemented August 10, 1990, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated August 31, 1995.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, Florida 32629.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of August 1995.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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