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SUBJECT: Program Plan for Resolution of Pre-Licensing Issues

REFERENCE: NRC Letter Dated June 13, 1984, Docket No. 50-382.

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Louisiana Power & Light has established a major program, with significant commitment of management resources, to address the issues raised in your letter to me of June 13, 1984.

I am enclosing for your information a program plan which describes the organization of our new program and the methods of approaching resolution of the issues you have raised. Key to our program is the designation of an outside, highly qualified Task Force to assist in the development of our plans for resolution and to independently assess the adequacy of the resolutions and their safety significance. The Task Force will consist of Larry L. Humphreys President, UNC Nuclear Industries, Inc., Saul Levine, Vice President, NUS Corporation, and Robert L. Ferguson, Chairman, UNC, assisted by suitable UNC and NUS personnel.

The Task Force will independently review LP&L's proposed resolution of the matters, and will report directly to me. Formal reports to me will be simul-taneously provided to you. The Task Force's charter is set out in my June 20, 1984 letter to the Task Force, enclosed.

We have also designated a top management team dedicated to resolution of the issues and administration of our program. The team is headed by Dale E. Dobson, Waterford 3 Project Manager, reporting directly to R.S. Leddick, Senior Vice President - Nuclear, and includes management involvement of the plant operational staff. I will be personally and directly overseeing the program efforts.

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In addition, the resolution of the issues raised by your staff will be reviewed by the Waterford 3 Safety Review Committee (SRC) through a special subcommittee consisting of Kenneth W. Cook, LP&L Nuclear Support and Licensing Manager, Chairman; Joseph M. Hendrie, Consulting Engineer; Robert M. Douglass, Manager of Quality Assurance, Baltimore Gas & Electric Company; Raymond F. Burski, LP&L Engineering and Nuclear Safety Manager; and Thomas F. Gerrets, LP&L Corporate Quality Assurance Manager.

You can be assured that LP&L is totally dedicated to achieving the highest level of safety achievable in the plant, and we take very seriously the matters you have set out in your letter. I do not intend to request a fuel loading/low power license, or a full power license, until I am personally satisfied that all issues necessary for those phases of plant operation have been satisfactorily addressed to assure the public health and safety. You have my personal assurance that necessary programmatic and management changes arising from our program to resolve these issues will be immediately and effectively implemented.

The attachment to the program plan listing the LP&L approach to resolution of the individual issues has not yet been reviewed by the Task Force or the SRC, and is subject to modification as a result of reviews by those groups and your staff. The plan is intended to provide an early and high level of confidence in the successful resolution of the issues and concerns you have raised.

I welcome your comments and suggestions.

James M. Cain

Enclosures: As Stated

cc: With Enclosure: See next page

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