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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. D. B. Vassallo, Chief
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-325 & 50-324/LICENSE NOS. DPR-71 & DPR-62
BRUNSWICK-2 START-UP SCHEDULE

Dear Mr. Vassallo:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the clarification requested by your staff regarding the schedule for issuing the five outstanding Technical Specification (TS) amendments required to support the scheduled start-up of Brunswick Unit No. 2 (Brunswick-2).

The currently scheduled start-up (i.e., rod pull) date for Brunswick-2 is September 22, 1984. The amendment requests regarding Hydraulic Snubbers (84TSB02, submitted May 7, 1984), Suppression Pool Temperature Monitoring System (84TSB29, submitted June 29, 1984), and Drywell Sump Instrumentation/Administrative Corrections (84TSB05, submitted May 10, 1984) restrict operability on six separate systems required to be operable prior to start-up. The remaining two amendments regarding Reload 5 (84TSB15, submitted June 26, 1984) and Hafnium Control Rod Assemblies (84TSB23, submitted June 26, 1984) are restricting operability on two plant modifications which are required prior to start-up. Although start-up is currently scheduled for September 22, 1984, these TS amendments are required prior to that date to provide adequate time for the controlled administrative process which must take place prior to declaring the modifications and affected systems operable.

Brunswick has in place administrative controls involving the plant modification procedure which require receipt of issued TS amendments prior to returning the affected equipment to service. These controls include final verification by affected on-site groups to ensure: the installed equipment is acceptable, appropriate procedures are in place, and training is completed as required. The actual NRC-issued TS amendments are required on-site prior to commencing this final verification. Additionally, Carolina Power & Light Company requires that TS amendments cannot be implemented until copies are distributed to controlled volumes. This process requires that the retyped TS pages be proofed against the amendment and that copies be made and distributed in a controlled manner.

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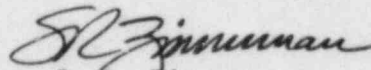
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These procedures, although primarily administrative in nature, are required to ensure strict compliance with license requirements. They cannot be circumvented or drastically accelerated and still assure compliance with regulatory requirements. Therefore, Carolina Power & Light Company requests issuance of the referenced amendments by September 17, 1984 to avoid impacting the Brunswick-2 start-up schedule.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. John S. Dietrich at (919) 836-6154.

Yours very truly,


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