

February 13, 1984

The Honorable Billy Tauzin
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Tauzin:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 1, 1984 regarding the licensing request of Louisiana Power and Light for the Waterford III nuclear power plant.

Your letter will receive our prompt attention, and a reply will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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Louisiana Power

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Dear Congressman Tauzin:

Your February 1, 1984 letter to Mr. Stephen Kent, Office of Congressional Affairs, NRC in regard to Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 has been referred to me for reply.

Your letter identifies your concern over economic penalties that accrue from delays in the achieving of commercial operation at Waterford 3. I can assure you that the necessary NRC staff resources have been and will continue to be applied to the remaining safety matters which require resolution before an operating license can be issued.

With regard to your reference to a recent review of quality assurance at Waterford, the most recent Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance report, issued January 4, 1984, evaluated both construction and operations Quality Assurance (QA) organizations at Louisiana Power and Light Company. The SALP Board report indicates that construction CA/QC improved when compared to previous SALP Board reports. However, there are other ongoing activities now under consideration related to QA at Waterford. A Construction Assessment Team (CAT) is currently conducting an inspection of construction activities at the Waterford site. This inspection is to determine if completed work is in accordance with applicable design documents and has received proper quality inspections, and if records are indicative of the as-built conditions. Also, there is currently a motion before the Atomic Safety Licensing Appeal Board to reopen hearings on the adequacy of the common foundation basement at Waterford arising from allegations now under review by NRC.

We are pursuing resolution of these matters, and we are committed to continue to apply the necessary resources to achieve a timely resolution.

Sincerely,

(Signed) William J. Dircks

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