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Dear Mr. Wilgus:

By letter of August 31, 1984 from G. R. Westafer to J. F. Stolz, Florida Power Corporation (FPC) informed us that the schedule for installation of the portion of the reactor coolant system water level instrumentation which connects to the reactor vessel head was being revised to Refuel VI (Spring 1987) rather than the previously committed Refuel V (Spring 1985). That part of the system which provides hot leg level indication will be installed during Refuel V, and can be operable without installation of the vessel head portion. Your letter requested our response by September 28, 1984 to permit planning for the refueling outage.

During telephone discussions on September 12, 1984 between Mr. Westafer and members of the NRC staff, the NRC staff personnel identified needed additional justification for the delay, discussed possible operational problems with a partial system, and noted the difficulty which the staff would have in accepting the proposed schedule. FPC response to these discussions has not yet been received as of the date of this letter. Upon receipt of information addressing our concerns, we will examine that information and provide the requested response.

We recognize the difficulty in balancing the length of shutdown, manpower and financial resources, NRC-required modifications, company modifications, and maintenance. Your recent letters regarding fire protection exemptions and delays in implementing Regulatory Guide 1.97 items present other aspects of scheduling and resource allocation problems. As members of our staffs

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have already discussed briefly, more informed decisions on the schedular aspects of all modifications to be performed could be made by the NRC through participation in a more comprehensive integrated review of all the matters involved. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your staff to meet with us at an early date to discuss the development of an integrated schedule for the implementation of required modifications at your facility. This discussion could focus on Refuel V, or be expanded to consider Refuel VI or a longer period. We believe that appropriate attention to this issue can result in mutual benefits to both your Company and our staff, and we are prepared to support this effort on a high priority. Our project manager will be contacting your staff in the near future to arrange

Sincerely,

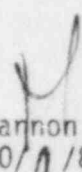
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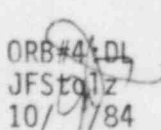
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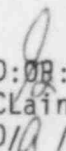
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