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Docket Nos. 50-348  
and 50-364

LICENSEE: Alabama Power Company (APCo)

FACILITY: Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 1985, BETWEEN  
NRC AND APCo REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS APCo's SCHEDULE  
FOR INSTALLATION OF THE REACTOR VESSEL LEVEL INSTRUMENT

### Introduction

The NRC Project Manager (E. Reeves) reviewed the purpose of the meeting as a discussion of APCo's three-outage schedule for completing Item II.F.2 (NUREG-0737) Inadequate Core Cooling Instrumentation System installation at Farley Units 1 and 2. APCo had requested the meeting by letter dated December 18, 1984, in response to NRC's letter dated November 30, 1984. A list of attendees is enclosed.

### Discussion

This meeting was considered to be an appeal at the Assistant Director level based on APCo's December 18, 1984 response to NRC's letter dated November 30, 1984. The NRC staff had considered the projected completion dates of March 1988 and October 1987 for Units 1 and 2 to be unacceptable.

These 1988 and 1987 completion dates were proposed by APCo based on three refueling outages (RO's) to complete the design, procurement, and installation on each unit. Thus, the three RO schedule will result in the Farley Units 1 and 2 installation going beyond the 1986 RO's which would be acceptable to the NRC. Based on NRC information, approximately 70 percent of the operating reactor plants would have operable systems installed by the end of 1985. Therefore, the Farley schedule would be beyond most other utilities.

APCo (R. McDonald) took exception to the November 30, 1984 NRC staff letter. He referred to their December 18, 1984 response which lists the major factors which precipitated the proposed schedule. APCo (D. McKinney) then presented view-graphs (enclosed) to explain that the installation would go beyond the second RO on each unit unless the second RO was extended on each unit such that the reactor cavity cable tray and cable can be installed during the extended outage period. APCo considers that the unique aspects of each plant should be taken into account as expressed in their December 18, 1984 letter to determine the acceptability of the schedule.

APCo advised that a possibility exists that the second RO may be extended for steam generator anti-vibration modifications. Such an extension may allow sufficient time to complete the reactor vessel level installation. APCo stated that their "goal" for completion of the installation was two RO's. In addition, APCo stated that the existing practice was that all

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material and design work would be completed prior to approving the start of the second RO work on each unit. APCo committed to complete the work package for the level instrument by the second RO on each unit. This job packaging technique will further enhance the probability of completion of the installation by APCo's 1986 "goal".

Conclusion

Following the APCo presentation, the NRC staff and the Assistant Directors (L. Rubenstein and S. Varga, Acting for G. Lainas) thanked APCo for their presentation. APCo agreed to document their commitments by letter (see APCo letter dated February 20, 1985). The discussions were considered useful and productive in getting a better understanding of the reasons for the APCo schedule. The need for either a confirmatory letter or a confirmatory order will be the subject of further review by the NRC staff.

/s/EAReeves

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