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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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Ben B. Hayes, Director
Office of Investigations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Docket No. 50-382, Louisiana Power
& Light Company (Waterford Steam
Electric Station, Unit 3)

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Several recent filings in the Waterford operating license proceeding have referred to an ongoing investigation by your office into allegations concerning this facility. See, e.g., NRC Staff's Motion for Further Extension of Time (February 23, 1984) at 2. The allegations arise from a December 10, 1983, article in Gambit (a New Orleans newspaper) and relate to the structural integrity of the foundation basemat. As you may be aware, these allegations are the basis of a motion to reopen pending before us. In accordance with the Commission's August 5, 1983, Policy Statement on Investigations and Adjudicatory Proceedings (48 Fed. Reg. 36,358), we request that your office keep us (and the parties) informed as to the status and outcome of the investigation. The NRC staff's response to the motion to reopen, which is to include the results of its own review of these allegations, is now due April 13, 1984. We would therefore appreciate your report by that same time.

Sincerely,

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COMPLETION OF OUTSTANDING REGULATORY ACTIONS ON
COMANCHE PEAK AND WATERFORD

tion of the Comanche Peak and Waterford facilities is nearing
ion. There remain a number of issues that need to be resolved before
ff can make its licensing decisions. The issues remaining for these
re quite complex and span more than one Office. In order to assure
all coordination/integration of these issues and to assure issues
olved on a schedule to satisfy hearing and licensing decision needs,
ecting WPP to manage all necessary NRC actions leading to prompt
g decisions. Darrell Eisenhut, Director, Division of Licensing, NRR
assigned the lead responsibility for this activity. He will
te the efforts of NRR, IE, and Region IV, and will coordinate this
with OI and OELD. Prior to any of the affected Offices undertaking
ivities (e.g., inspections) or making decisions on these plants,
ivity should be concurred in by NRR.
esently in the process of assigning a dedicated senior manager to
Eisenhut in the management of these activities.
phase of this program will be the identification of issues needed
lved for each plant prior to hearing and licensing decisions.
ssues have been identified a Program Plan for resolution of each
d be developed and implemented. The Program Plan should address
of the work needed, the identification of the responsible line
on, and the schedule for completion. In principle, this effort
ore be similar to the effort undertaken regarding the allegation
iable Canyon except that this effort should encompass all
inspection, hearing, and allegation issues.

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