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Gentlemen:

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 and 2
Resolution of Safety Issue 93, "Steam Binding of
Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps" (Generic Letter 88-03)

By letter of May 24, 1988, Alabama Power Company provided its response to Generic Letter 88-03. In this response, it was stated that "an Auxiliary Feedwater (AFW) Check Valve Temperature Monitoring System provides indication of the fluid conditions of the AFW system. Annunciation on the Main Control Board panel is also provided to alert the operators when AFW temperature exceeds a preset alarm level. Procedures exist to allow the operators to both recognize and recover from steam binding in the AFW system." Conversations with the NRC Farley Project Manager have indicated that an explicit commitment to maintain compliance with the provisions of Generic Letter 88-03 is needed. Alabama Power Company therefore clarifies its May 24, 1988 response as follows.

Subsequent to the installation of the AFW check valve monitoring system, Alabama Power Company modified the check valves to preclude the backleakage associated with steam binding. The current monitoring system has confirmed the adequacy of this modification and will be utilized during the current and next cycle of operation for each unit. No changes that would degrade the confidence provided by this system or the associated procedures discussed above will be made during this period. At the end of the next cycle of operation for each unit, changes to procedures or the monitoring system may be made in accordance with the provisions of 10CFR50.59.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

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