



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

September 20, 1988

Docket No. 50-382

Mr. J. G. Dewease
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Dear Mr. Dewease:

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST NPF-38-77
(TAC NO. 67838)

On March 29, 1988, the Louisiana Power and Light Company submitted a proposed license amendment for Waterford 3 to define the review responsibilities of the Plant Operations Review Committee (PORC). We have reviewed the proposed change and have discussed the issue with your staff and the PORC. It is our position that the objectives being sought by the proposed changes can be accomplished within the existing Technical Specifications and no change is necessary.

One of the prime responsibilities of the PORC is to provide a multidisciplinary safety review of, among other things, procedures and proposed changes to procedures. The current Technical Specifications allow the PORC to delegate the performance of reviews but the PORC must maintain cognizance over and responsibility for them. Reviews have and can be done by subcommittees under these provisions of the Technical Specifications and it is not anticipated nor is it necessary for the PORC to duplicate everything done by the subcommittees.

It is expected, however, that a procedure be established and followed on the delegation to subcommittees, the subcommittee reporting to the PORC, and a periodic audit of the subcommittee effort by the PORC. The subcommittees may act on procedure changes that have no safety significance but it would be expected that the PORC review those that the subcommittee found to be questionable or with safety significance.

As we stated above, the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications are not necessary for Waterford to achieve what we believe to be the objective of the change. We therefore deny the request of March 29, 1988. If, however,

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LP&L determines that similar or other changes are necessary for the PORC to carry out its objectives, we will be glad to discuss these with your staff and consider changes to the Technical Specifications accordingly.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jose A. Calvo, Director
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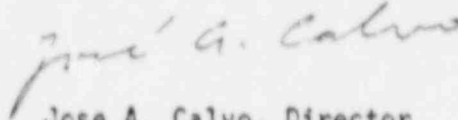
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