



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

September 19, 1988

Docket No. 50-302

Mr. W. S. Wilgus  
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Florida Power Corporation  
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Dear Mr. Wilgus:

SUBJECT: NRC RESPONSE TO THE B&W ATWS OWNERS GROUP  
(CR-3 TAC NO. 59085)

As you are aware, a meeting was held on August 17, 1988 between representatives of the B&W Owners Group (BWOG) and the NRC regarding the NRC staff's position on the various issues covered in the staff's generic B&W safety evaluation (SE) regarding the ATWS issue (10 CFR 50.62). The main point of disagreement was the issue of power supply independence. In this meeting, the staff presented three options on this matter which it considered acceptable. These three approaches have been formally documented in the letter sent to the Chairman of the BWOG ATWS Committee dated September 7, 1988, a copy of which is attached.

In summary, we stated in our letter to Mr. Stalter our preference for adoption of the first option. However, you may wish to consider each of the three options outlined in the enclosed letter in responding within the 90-day response period requested in our letter to you dated June 30, 1988, transmitting our generic B&W ATWS SE. You should promptly submit your CR-3 plant-specific conceptual design for the option you have selected. The NRC will review your conceptual design package within 30 days and provide you with an approval or disapproval with comments. Since the generic design review has been completed and the options acceptable to the staff for resolving the ATWS power supply issue are sufficiently clear, it is our position that our safety evaluation of your plant-specific submittal does not have to precede your implementation of the required ATWS equipment. Accordingly, your plant should install, upon receipt of our approval of your conceptual ATWS design, the required ATWS equipment during its next refueling outage. If this cannot be accomplished, submit your proposed implementation schedule, including justification in accordance with 10 CFR 50.62(d), for our review and approval.

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If you have any questions on this matter, please contact the CR-3 Project Manager, Harley Silver at (301) 492-1470.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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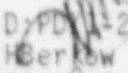
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