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BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-325 AND 50-324/LICENSE NOS. DPR-71 AND DPR-62
WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM 10 CFR 70.24, CRITICALITY
ACCIDENT REQUIREMENTS (NRC TAC NOS. MA3539 AND MA3540)

Gentlemen:

By letter dated August 31, 1998 (Serial: BSEP 98-0174), Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company submitted a request for an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, "Criticality accident requirements," for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP), Unit Nos. 1 and 2. Subsequently, on November 12, 1998, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (63 FR 63127) amending its regulations to give licensees greater flexibility in meeting the criticality accident monitoring requirements associated special nuclear material (SNM). Specifically, the amended regulations provide licensees the option of either meeting the criticality accident monitoring requirements of paragraph (a) through (c) of 10 CFR 70.24 in handling and storage areas for SNM, or electing to comply with certain requirements in a new Section 50.68 in 10 CFR Part 50.

As a result of the amendments to 10 CFR 50.68 and 10 CFR 70.24, CP&L has determined that the exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24 for BSEP, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, is no longer necessary. Therefore, CP&L withdraws the exemption request submitted by letter dated August 31, 1998.

Please refer any questions regarding this submittal to Mr. Warren J. Dorman, Supervisor - Licensing, at (910) 457-2068.

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