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SUBJECT: PROTECTION AGAINST DYNAMIC EFFECTS OF A LOCA (TAC NO. MA2128)

Dear Mr. Cowan:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the status of our review regarding the issue of protection of safety-related equipment from the dynamic effects of a loss of coolant accident (LOCA). The issue was originally identified as an Inspector Followup Item in Inspection Report 95-15 dated August 11, 1995. The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation's assistance was requested in reviewing this issue, and Task Assignment Control (TAC) Number M96604 was opened to track the staff effort expended on this review. This review was completed and documented in a memorandum to Region II dated April 21, 1997. TAC No. M96604 was closed with the issuance of that memorandum.

However, as a result of this review, additional questions were raised concerning this issue. Florida Power Company responded to these questions in letters dated January 23, January 28, and February 18, 1998. TAC No. MA0714 was issued to cover the staff effort in reviewing the responses to these questions. On May 28, 1998, FPC submitted License Amendment Request (LAR) 225 to incorporate Generic Letter 87-11 and NUREG/CR-2913 as a part of the licensing basis and design basis for Crystal River. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval of this amendment request is intended to resolve the remaining issues related to the dynamic effects of a LOCA on safety-related equipment. Since NRC review of the license amendment request is fee recoverable, while the previous reviews performed by the staff under TAC Nos. M96604 and MA0714 were not fee recoverable, TAC No. MA2128 was issued for the review of LAR 225. TAC No. MA0714 is closed as of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions concerning the fee recovery status of our reviews relating to this issue, please call me at (301) 415-1495.

Sincerely,

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