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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
IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED 10 CFR 50.59

Gentlemen:

The effective date for the revised 10 CFR 50.59, was established in a December 13, 2000, *Federal Register* notice (65 FR 77773), as March 13, 2001. As discussed in NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-03, "Changes, Tests, And Experiments," dated January 23, 2001, the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS suggested that a licensee may want to communicate its implementation plan to the NRC.

Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company will implement the revised requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 at the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP) on July 2, 2001. As part of implementation planning, the refueling outage for Unit 2 was taken into account. The outage commenced on February 24, 2001, and is currently scheduled to be completed by March 30, 2001. To ease the transition process, CP&L will not implement the revised final rule during the refueling outage since this activity already places significant demands on the plant staff and would not be in the best interests of safety. Procedure development is in progress and training of appropriate personnel is planned for after the outage to ensure a smooth transition to the revised final rule. Until the aforementioned date, CP&L will continue to implement the existing 10 CFR 50.59 review process at BSEP.

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