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SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE UNIT 1 - REQUESTED CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION TO NRC
SAFETY EVALUATION (TAC NO. MA7205)

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

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The FPL staff has informed us of an inaccuracy in the Safety Evaluation (SE) supporting the amendment. In Section 3.1 of the SE, the following statement is made, "The AAC source can be made available within 10 minutes of the onset of the SBO event." In fact, the AAC source can be made available within 10 minutes after confirmation of an SBO event, which will be completed within 15 minutes of the onset of the event. Therefore, the statement should read, "The AAC source can be made available within 25 minutes of the onset of the SBO event." The 25-minute time frame is documented in the St. Lucie Unit 1 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, Section 15.2.13, and in the November 13, 2000, letter from FPL providing a response to a Request for Additional Information from the NRC staff. This letter should be attached to the subject SE to document this correction. The inaccuracy identified by your staff does not result in a change to our conclusion in the subject SE.

The thoroughness of your staff in identifying this inaccuracy is appreciated, and is an important contribution in ensuring the accuracy of the SEs, which form the basis for approval of licensing amendments. If you or your staff have any questions concerning the resolution of this matter, please call me at (301)415-1496.

Sincerely,

/RA by B. Moroney Acting for/
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