

May 31, 2001

Mr. Dale E. Young, Vice President
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ATTN: Supervisor, Licensing and Regulatory Programs
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SUBJECT: CRYSTAL RIVER UNIT 3 PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST NO. 252,
ONCE-THROUGH STEAM GENERATOR TUBE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM,
TUBE REPAIR ROLL PROCESS (TAC NO. MB1519)

Dear Mr. Young:

By letter dated March 21, 2001 (3F0301-02), Florida Power Corporation (FPC) submitted an amendment application to revise the Crystal River Unit 3 (CR-3) Improved Technical Specification (ITS) 5.6.2.10, "Once-Through Steam Generator Tube Surveillance Program." The staff is currently reviewing your request, and noted that you are using Babcock and Wilcox Owners Group Topical Report, BAW-2374, Revision 1, "Risk Informed Assessment of Once Through Steam Generator Tube Thermal Loads Due to Breaks in Reactor Coolant System Upper Hot Leg Large-Bore Piping," as a basis for your request to revise ITS 5.6.2.10. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's review of BAW-2374, Revision 1, may not be completed such that it will support the FPC requested amendment completion date of August 30, 2001. In addition, since the staff review of BAW-2374, Revision 1, is not complete, it is not clear that the issues relative to the tube repair roll (re-roll) process noted by the staff during their review of BAW-2374, Revision 0 (see NRC's Safety Evaluation dated December 15, 2000, Oconee re-roll license amendment, ADAMS Accession Number ML003780594) will be adequately resolved.

Therefore, in an effort to support your request and complete this license amendment by August 30, 2001, we would like to suggest you consider a change in the amendment request and approach that we are taking to review your request. We suggest that you review the staff's approval of the steam generator tube re-roll process at Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1) (see NRC's Safety Evaluation dated March 28, 2001, ANO-1 re-roll license amendment, ADAMS Accession Number ML010880115). The licensee (Entergy) made certain regulatory commitments to address the BAW-2374, Revision 0, open issues as part of this license amendment in their supplemental letter dated February 19, 2001 (ADAMS Accession Number ML010590157). An amendment submittal and review approach similar to ANO-1, would assist the staff in its review and improve its ability to meet your requested target date of August 30, 2001.

Sincerely,

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