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Carolina Power & Light Company

REGION II
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT

Post Office Box 790

Hartsville, South Carolina 29550

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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II, Suite 1217
230 Peachtree Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

On October 3, 1978 at 2128 hours, the containment spray pumps were discovered to be inoperable due to air binding. Both pumps were inoperable for a period of 22 minutes at which time corrective action terminated the air binding. The pumps were tested in accordance with the appropriate periodic test and were verified acceptable for service.

This event temporarily placed the containment spray system in condition less conservative than the least conservative aspects of section 3.3.2.1.b of the Technical Specifications. This is reportable under section 6.9.2.a.2 of the Technical Specifications.

The incident was reported to Mr. H. R. Banks' office of Carolina Power and Light Company and Mr. Tom McHenry of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Atlanta, Georgia, on October 4, 1978.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Starkey, Jr.
R. B. Starkey, Jr., Manager
H. B. Robinson SEG Plant

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