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ACTIONS TO ENHANCE BACKFEEDING CAPABILITY

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to document discussions held between Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission during a meeting on July 31, 1997, in Rockville, MD. This meeting was scheduled to discuss the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 licensing basis and actions that have been taken, or are planned, to enhance the ability to establish backfeeding through the auxiliary transformer.

CP&L has current practices to facilitate the establishment of backfeeding including: (1) pre-staging of certain tools and equipment, (2) recent training including walkthroughs, and (3) backshift staffing by Maintenance personnel. CP&L has planned certain enhancements that include: (1) development of pre-staged equipment clearances, (2) enhancement of the pre-staged equipment already in place, (3) additional training of plant staff including classroom sessions, field training, and walkthroughs, and (4) procedural enhancement intended to reduce the time to implement backfeeding. These planned actions are targeted for completion by October 30, 1997.

In addition, CP&L is developing a modification that will install a disconnect switch between the generator and the main transformer. This switch will facilitate the implementation of backfeeding within a shorter period of time. Installation is projected for Refueling Outage 19, in Fall 1999. Implementation of this modification is contingent upon confirmation of the physical compatibility of the equipment and upon final management approval of the project.

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