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SPECIAL REPORT REGARDING INOPERABLE FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Gentlemen:

Carolina Power and Light Company hereby provides this Special Report in accordance with H. B. Robinson Unit 2 Plant Technical Specifications. Specifically, Fire Protection equipment required by Technical Specifications 3.14.7.2 exceeded its respective LCO due to an equipment malfunction.

On September 10, 1992, Fire Door No. 6, entrance to the South Cable Vault, was taken out of service because it would not close properly, and a 7 day LCO was entered. This door provides an alarm in the Control Room when the door remains open. In accordance with Technical Specification 3.14.7.2.a, the Fire Detection System providing coverage for the fire areas on either side of the door was verified to be operable within one hour. The LCO was exceeded on September 17, 1992 at 0245 hours, and the action statement of Technical Specification 3.14.7.2.c was entered. This action requires that a Special Report be prepared and submitted outlining the action taken, the cause of the inoperability, and the plans and schedule for restoring the fire barrier to service.

The cause of the failure of Fire Door No. 6 to close is attributed to a change in ventilation system air flow in the cable vault, which applied excessive pressure against the door such that the door could not completely close and latch. To compensate for this change, new door closure and closure arm was installed, providing the maximum closing force available.

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Additionally, the ventilation system in the room was adjusted to relieve air flow pressure against the door. The Fire Door was restored to operable status on September 23, 1992 at 1520 hours. This report is submitted pursuant to Technical Specification 3.14.7.2.c.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. J. L. Harrison at (803) 383-1433.

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