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RESPONSE TO SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE

Gentlemen:

Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company has received and reviewed the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report transmitted by letter dated February 8, 1994. This report provided results from the evaluation period June 28, 1992, through December 25, 1993, for H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit 2. Also, CP&L had the benefit of comment and discussion during the NRC presentation of the SALP Report at our facility on February 18, 1994.

As was discussed during the NRC's presentation on February 18, 1994, the Management Team at HBRSEP, Unit 2 has identified and begun implementing actions to address those specific areas that were identified to be weak, as well as broader actions to improve the maintenance and operation of HBRSEP. These actions include actual and planned organizational changes that will put in place the organization that can effectively carry out the necessary objectives to strengthen the identified weaknesses.

The following response specifically addresses the actions being taken in the Maintenance area, as this area was given the lowest rating, Category 3, in the SALP Report.

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We agree with the weaknesses in the Maintenance area that were discussed in the SALP Report. Actions have already been taken to improve the quality of Maintenance procedures and the procedures associated with other groups on site. Specific to the Maintenance area, we have established a permanent Maintenance Procedures Group. We have staffed it with experienced former craft technicians and craft supervisors. We have formalized the procedure group's processes and have implemented tracking and trending of the procedure backlog. Most importantly, we have recently revised the site's Maintenance procedure validation process. New procedures or significant changes to existing procedures cannot be approved for use until they have gone through a validation process. We will be closely monitoring the effectiveness of this initiative in improving the quality of the Maintenance procedures.

Effective oversight of activities through supervisory and management presence in the field is of paramount importance and is being strengthened. We are improving the oversight of our own personnel as well as the oversight of vendors whom we contract to do work both on and off site. Clear expectations that support our overall improvement objectives are being communicated to Management and Supervision and, most importantly, these expectations are being enforced.

We recognize that there is a site-wide weakness in the area of implementing effective corrective actions and in precluding recurring problems. This is being addressed as part of a near term improvement plan that will be reviewed with NRC Region II management within one month of returning HBRSEP to service.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



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