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SUBJECT: ACK RECEIPT OF 790215 LTR REQUESTING ADDL INFO RE FIRE
 PROTECTION SYS. REVIEW OF REQUESTED INFO HAS BEEN INITIATED.
 EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER CONTINUING CHANGES IN NRC POLICIES &
 DELAYS IN NOTIFYING LICENSEES.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
ATTENTION: Mr. Albert Schwencer, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 1
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
DOCKET NO. 50-261
LICENSE NO. DPR-23
FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Schwencer:

Your letter of February 15, 1979, transmitted a request for new and additional information concerning our fire protection systems. Since your letter was not delivered to Carolina Power & Light Company until March 2, we do not believe it would be appropriate to require a response within 30 days from the date of the letter. We have begun a review of your requested information and will respond as expeditiously as possible, consistent with providing accurate and complete information.

Although our staff has had recent telephone conversations with the NRC staff concerning our fire protection modifications, we believe it is important to again stress the importance of prompt resolution of any outstanding issues involving these modifications. Carolina Power & Light Company has focused significant management attention on, and committed substantial funds to, the entire subject of fire protection; and subsequent to issuance of the NRC's Safety Evaluation Report (SER), we have proceeded with planned and required modifications in accordance with the schedule established by the SER. Since issuance of the SER on February 28, 1978, and prior to your February 15 letter, we had received no formal communication from the NRC staff which indicated that you had any specific reservations concerning our auxiliary shutdown system design, and we have been proceeding with installation of modifications to improve safe shutdown capability prior to a date being established by NRC for completion of these modifications. In our letter of June 23, 1977, we committed to install the auxiliary shutdown system modifications prior to startup of Cycle 7, even though these modifications are not necessary in order to start up, nor were they required by the staff. We are, therefore, concerned that the NRC staff has now adopted a position (Enclosure 2, SP1 of your February 15 letter) that appears to contravene the acceptability of this modification. In view of the fact that we have learned that the position you transmitted in your February 15, 1979, letter reflected the philosophy propounded in a February 24, 1978, internal NRC memorandum pertaining to another licensee, we are concerned about continuing changes in NRC policies and delays

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in notifying licensees after licensees commit to making plant modifications. Accordingly, we expect to defer completion of the installation of the auxiliary shutdown system modifications in the near future, pending resolution of the NRC staff position on this subject. In addition, we believe it would be beneficial for the NRC staff and CP&L representatives to meet at the earliest possible date to discuss any remaining fire protection issues or questions the NRC staff may have. We have already advised your staff by telephone of our request for such a meeting and will pursue an appropriate meeting date with the NRC project manager.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact our staff.

Yours very truly,

M. A. M. Duffie

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