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 CYCLE 7 OPERATION. UTIL IS CONSIDERING AN EXTENDED BURNUP
 TEST FOR FOUR FUEL DURING OPERATION.

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

H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
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CYCLE 7 OPERATION

Dear Mr. Schwencer:

This letter is to inform the Commission of Carolina Power & Light Company's schedule for refueling H. B. Robinson Unit 2 for its Cycle 7 operation. At the present time, our system planning calls for completion of Cycle 6 operation on or about April 21, 1979. At that time, we will begin our refueling outage which is scheduled for approximately six weeks.

Refueling for Cycle 7 will be performed in accordance with the authorization of 10CFR50.59(a), since Cycle 7 core operation will involve no unreviewed safety questions and will require no change in the technical specifications of the plant.

Carolina Power & Light Company is considering an extended burnup test for four fuel assemblies during Cycle 7. Exxon Nuclear Company is performing the necessary analyses to enable us to make a decision on this proposed test. If upon completion of the analyses we decide to conduct the test, we will inform you of our intentions in as timely a manner as possible.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact our staff.

Yours very truly,

E. E. Utley
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