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SUBJECT: Responds to request for addl info re steam generator replacement project on terrestrial biota & endangered species. Three acres of land cleared for parking. Const facilities only area impacted w/loss of planted pine.

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Attention: Mr. Steven A. Varga, Chief
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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
DOCKET NO. 50-261
LICENSE NO. DPR-23
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
STEAM GENERATOR REPLACEMENT - EFFECT ON TERRESTRIAL BIOTA

Dear Mr. Varga:

In response to the NRC's H. B. Robinson Plant (HBR) Project Manager's verbal request, Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) provides the following information with respect to the effect of the Steam Generator Replacement Project on terrestrial biota and endangered species:

An evaluation of the potential effects to terrestrial biota resulting from the planned steam generator replacement project was made. The only area impacted was determined to be an area of approximately three acres in size which was cleared for a parking area and construction facilities. This impacted area is a relatively narrow strip located between a railroad track and the plant site.

An assessment of the preclearing conditions was made by CP&L biologists based on observation of the surrounding area and aerial photographs supplied by CP&L's Nuclear Plant Construction Department at HBR2. This review revealed the cleared area to have been predominantly covered by an even-aged stand of pine trees planted after construction of Unit 2. The area was denuded of vegetation and partially paved. Because of the low vegetative diversity, use by breeding species had been minimal. The major impact was the loss of approximately three acres of planted pine. Any other impacts were considered to be negligible.

Although not in the impacted area, the only known endangered species on the plant site is an active Red-Cockaded Woodpecker colony site on CP&L's land located along a Carolina Gas pipeline right-of-way on the west side of the Robinson impoundment. The Red-Cockaded Woodpecker is federally protected under the Endangered Species Act; therefore, an exemption to the act must be

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obtained through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service before initiating any future activities which might impact the woodpecker. Because of the protection afforded these birds by the federal government, any activities planned within a 2000 ft. radius of the nest trees will be carefully evaluated. No Steam Generator Replacement Project related activities are being considered for this area.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of my staff.

Yours very truly,



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