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 due to indications found during eddy current exam.

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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2  
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14-DAY SPECIAL REPORT - PLUGGED STEAM GENERATOR TUBE

Dear Gentlemen:

Carolina Power and Light Company (CP&L) provides this submittal pursuant to Plant Technical Specification 4.2.1.3.1 which requires a Special Report within 14 days after completion of tube plugging in any of the three steam generators.

On December 5, 1988, one tube, R7C92, in Steam Generator "C" was plugged. Indication had been found during eddy current examination on December 4, 1988, characterized as a "gouge," shallow on one end, deeper on the other end, with a depth of 76 percent through-wall, indicative of a debris-related defect.

Tube R7C92 had been previously inspected in 1984, both prior to and following installation of the tube bundle in Steam Generator "C," with no indication reported. The Digital Metal Impact Monitoring System (DMIMS) had revealed irregular noise levels in Steam Generator "C" after the 1987 Refueling Outage. Evaluation of the tapes by the vendor, however, revealed "No suspicious or uncommon levels."

In conformance with CP&L's response to Generic Letter No. 85-02, Issue 1.a, an inspection of the secondary side of Steam Generator "C" was performed with no debris found. Additionally, twenty peripheral tubes were inspected in the vicinity of R7C92 for similar degradation problems, and no similar indication has been noted.

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Tube R7C92 was the only tube found defective during the eddy current examination of tubes in all three steam generators this Refueling Outage. As stated in Technical Specification 4.2.1.1.2(b), this results in a C-2 classification of the inspection results, requiring an expanded inspection program of 25 tubes, i.e., six percent. Since the base program for the examinations this Refueling Outage was 20% of the tubes in each steam generator, the C-2 inspection program expansion criteria have been met.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. M. Curley,  
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Very truly yours,



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