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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
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SPECIAL REPORT ON FIRE BARRIER PENETRATION SEALS

Gentlemen:

Carolina Power and Light Company submits this Special Report in accordance with H. B. Robinson Unit No. 2 Plant Technical Specifications 3.14.7.2.c and 6.9.3.1.d.

Specifically fire barrier penetration seal, EP-4985, located in the wall between the Cable Spread Room and the Emergency Switchgear Room, was inoperable for 11 days, 3 hours and 10 minutes. This exceeded the seven day limit of Technical Specification 3.1.4.7.2.c. which requires a thirty day Special Report pursuant to this specification and Technical Specification 6.9.3.1.d.

On Sunday November 27, 1988, a contract employee informed the Plant's Fire Protection personnel that a penetration (EP-4717) was made inoperable at 1535 hours that day during a plant modification.

However, during the normal process of monitoring LCO fire barrier penetrations, Fire Protection personnel discovered that EP-4717 was never rendered inoperable. It was then removed from the list of penetrations that were tracked for LCO purposes. On December 8, 1988, at 1045 hours it was discovered that penetration EP-4985 had been removed from service on November 27 rather than EP-4717. EP-4717 was miscommunicated by the contract employee as the penetration being affected. Although, the incorrect penetration number was given to Fire Protection personnel, the compensatory actions as required by Technical Specifications 3.14.7.2.(a)(b) were nonetheless maintained.

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The licensee repaired the penetration in accordance with Plant Corrective Maintenance Procedure CM-621 and the penetration was declared operable at 1845 hours, December 8, 1988.

The cause of the LCO being exceeded has been attributed to a breakdown in communication with regard to the identification and follow-up of a LCO Fire Barrier Penetration. Due to prior occurrences of this concern during the current outage, this situation has been elevated to a higher level of management attention. Additional emphasis has been placed on penetration related activities from an outage scheduling standpoint to assure that fire barrier penetrations out of service are more visible to outage management.

If you have any question, please contact my staff.

Very truly yours,



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General Manager

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