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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
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LICENSING ISSUES FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Gentlemen:

This letter is to update you regarding certain licensing issues currently considered by Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) to have high priority for timely resolution. The listing contained herein is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all outstanding and future issues, rather a periodic list of items for attention.

1. Heatup and Cooldown License Amendment

The current heatup and cooldown Technical Specification curve for H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (HBR2), is useable until achievement of 10 Effective Full Power Years (EFPY); revised curves for up to 12.5 EFPY and 15 EFPY were submitted on December 18, 1986. Since HBR2 is currently projected to achieve 9.932 EFPY at shutdown for Refueling Outage 11 in late March 1987, approval of the revised curves is requested as soon as possible to support Cycle 12 operation, currently scheduled to commence June 12, 1987.

2. PVRC Code Case N-411 Damping Values

Approval of the use of these damping values will facilitate the design of several ongoing and future projects while maintaining adequate conservatism.

3. IST Relief Requests Expeditions

Approval of outstanding relief requests for the second ten-year interval in-service testing program is requested to allow optimum use of resources during the remainder of the interval.

4. Regulatory Guide 1.97 Safety Evaluation

Completion of the NRC review of the CP&L submittal and completion of plant modifications during the upcoming Refueling Outage 11 will allow closing of this long-term issue.

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5. Mechanical Design Report for Extended Burnup

NRC has approved a generic methodology; the HBR2 plant-specific report will be submitted during March 1987.

6. Appendix J Testing Program

The initial CP&L submittal on this topic was June 30, 1983. Resolution of NRC reviewer concerns will allow closure of this long-term issue.

7. Exemptions to 10CFR50, Appendix R, III.J

Resolution of these remaining emergency lighting exemption requests will allow closure of this long-term issue.

8. Technical Specifications for Generic Letter 83-28, Item 4.3

Carolina Power & Light Company has submitted the requested license amendment on January 12, 1987. This is one of the few remaining open items with regard to Generic Letter 83-28.

9. Auxiliary Feedwater System Automatic Bus Transfer

This is an open item pertaining to NUREG 0737, Item II.E.1.2.2. Recent discussion with the NRC staff indicated that a mutually satisfactory resolution may be imminent.

10. Reactor Coolant Pump Trip Criteria

On February 19, 1987, CP&L provided comments and clarifications on a report of a conference call regarding NUREG-0737, Item II.K.3.5. It is our understanding that this should be the final CP&L required response prior to closure of this issue.

11. Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2 (Equipment Classification and Vendor Interface)

This is another of the few remaining open items regarding Generic Letter 83-28. Resolution will assist in closure of this long-open issue.

12. Generic Letter 83-28, Items 4.5.2/4.5.3 (Trip System Reliability - Testing)

This is another of the few remaining open items regarding Generic Letter 83-28. Resolution will assist in closure of this long-open issue.

13. Pressurized Thermal Shock

Carolina Power & Light Company's most recent submittal was dated January 16, 1987. Completion of review and resolution of this issue will facilitate planning of future fuel cycles.

14. NUREG 0737, Item D.1.2 (Safety Valves)

The February 11, 1987 Safety Evaluation requests a CP&L commitment for an additional procedure prior to closure of the issue. We are currently evaluating the request against the backfit definition of 10 CFR 50.109 and will provide an appropriate response by March 20, 1987.

15. Appendix B Environment Technical Specifications

The NRC's letter dated September 13, 1985 requested CP&L to submit Non-Radiological Environmental Technical Specifications, although such Specifications are not specifically required by 10 CFR 50.36b.

By letter dated October 18, 1985, CP&L requested that the NRC's proposed Non-Radiological Environmental Technical Specification not be included in Appendix B of the Technical Specifications. The basis for this request was that the proposed non-radiological requirements were already adequately and more appropriately controlled by existing Environmental Protection Agency requirements specified within the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

The items to be controlled by the Specifications in question are not related to the safe operation of the plant, nor are they consistent with the recently published draft Commissioners' policy statement regarding Technical Specifications. It is requested that the NRC concur in our request to not implement Non-Radiological Environmental Technical Specifications and close this long-term open item.

Please contact me if you have any comments or questions regarding these issues.

Yours very truly,



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