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SUBJECT: Advises of inability to meet 810302 & 03 commitment for  
 schedule re meteorological data response to NUREG-0696,  
 "Functional Criteria for Emergency Response Ctrs." Interim  
 compensating actions to enhance capability implemented.

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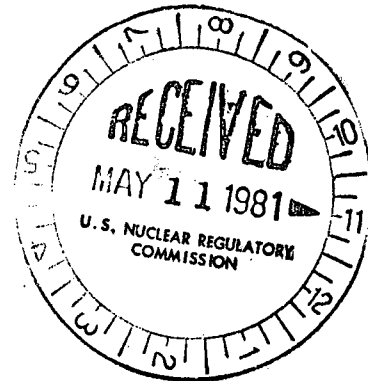
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TMI ITEM III.A.2.2 - METEOROLOGICAL DATA

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Summary

In our letters of March 2, 1981 (H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit No. 2) and March 3, 1981 (Brunswick Steam Electric Plant), Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) committed to submit a schedule for providing the required Meteorological Data capabilities within sixty days of receipt of NUREG-0696, "Functional Criteria for Emergency Response Centers." Upon further evaluation of the existing criteria and after several conversations with NRC staff members, CP&L has determined that there is still too much uncertainty concerning criteria and schedule to provide a commitment for implementation at this time.

Discussion

With regard to Meteorological Data, CP&L has endeavored from the start to look realistically at the capabilities desired and the schedule required to provide those capabilities. CP&L's commitments for providing implementation schedules to the NRC were based on the belief that Regional Meetings on this subject would be held in March, 1981 and that the issuance of NUREG-0696 would finally establish firm criteria and milestone requirements in this area. The March Regional meeting is now scheduled for May 8, 1981 and it is our understanding that the milestone dates of NUREG-0654, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants" and NUREG-0737, "Clarification of TMI Action Plan Requirements" are being changed. This information was provided to us by members of your staff and the Emergency

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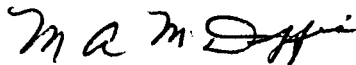
Preparedness staff. Therefore, CP&L does not feel that it can provide definitive commitments in this area until these uncertainties are removed and the expected clarifications from the Regional Meeting have been promulgated.

In the interim, it should be noted, however, that CP&L has implemented the compensating actions (milestone 3) listed in Annex 1 to Appendix 2 of NUREG-0654 while our evaluation continues. CP&L feels that these actions are more than adequate during the intervening period when the finalized criteria are being prepared and CP&L is preparing its response to the criteria.

#### Conclusion

As discussed above, CP&L believes that due to continuing uncertainty surrounding the criteria and schedule on this subject, meaningful commitments cannot be provided at this time. CP&L has implemented interim compensating actions which provide enhanced capability with regard to Meteorological Data and will work closely with the NRC to provide realistic commitments once the above items have been finalized. If you have any questions in this area, please contact our staff.

Yours very truly,



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