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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director, Region II
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Re: RII: EHV
50-250/79-12
50-251/79-12

Florida Power & Light Company has reviewed the subject inspection report and a response is attached.

There is no proprietary information in the report.

Very truly yours,

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Vice President
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Attachment

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Finding

As required by Technical Specification 4.1, Table 4.1.-1, Item 6, Pressurizer Water Level Instrumentation Channels shall have a channel check performed once per shift. The acceptance criteria specified by the licensee for performance of these channel checks indicates that the maximum deviation between any of the level channels is 8 percent.

Contrary to the above, on March 15, 1979, Pressurizer Level Channels on Unit 4, LI-4-459 and LI-4-460 differed by 10-12 percent for 10 hours and no corrective action was taken nor was either channel declared inoperable.

Response

At the time of the inspection, plant management was aware of the level channel deviation, and the situation was being evaluated. However, due to incomplete communications, not all operators were aware of the need to trip the level channel until the acceptance criteria had been satisfied. As indicated in the inspection report, corrective action was taken during the inspection. Pressurizer level channel LI-4-460 was declared inoperable and placed in the tripped condition. Compliance was achieved by this action.

To prevent recurrence, a special instruction has been issued directing the Nuclear Plant Supervisor to have the appropriate level channel placed in the tripped condition whenever the channel deviation acceptance criteria is exceeded.

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