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Gentlemen:

Re: Turkey Point Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251
NRC Bulletin 88-09 "Thimble Tube
Thinning in Westinghouse Reactors"

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) has reviewed the NRC Bulletin 88-09 "Thimble Tube Thinning in Westinghouse Reactors". We have compared the Bulletin's request with the program established to meet the concerns identified in NRC Information Notice 87-44. FPL's existing program meets the actions requested by the Bulletin. The key elements of FPL's program are briefly described below:

- 1) At the next refueling for each unit, all thimble tubes will be cleaned by Westinghouse. Then each tube will be eddy current inspected by FPL per our methodology. Results of the eddy current inspections will be compared to the Westinghouse acceptance criteria. Nonconformances will be handled in accordance with site procedures.

Unit 4 inspection is scheduled for this fall.
Unit 3 inspection is scheduled for the fall 1989 outage.

- 2) Results from the Unit 4 inspection will be used to establish the inspection frequency.

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- 3) Standard bobbin coil eddy current techniques will be used for this inspection. The eddy current inspection probes, instrumentation, and calibration standards are similar to those used to inspect steam generator tubes. Because of the similarity in technique, FPL does not anticipate requesting a scheduler exemption as provided in the bulletin.

After completion of the inspection program, which includes the eddy current testing, review of the tests results and the disposition of nonconformances, FPL will provide the results to the NRC within the requested 30 day period.

Should there be any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



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