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Gentlemen:

Re: Turkey Point Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251
Control of Heavy Loads
Technical Evaluation Report

In letter L-83-146, R. E. Uhrig to S. A. Varga, dated March 15, 1983, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) provided additional information on the items in the Draft Technical Evaluation Report on Control of Heavy Loads. Information specific to Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 was provided in Guideline 4 (Special Lifting Devices) and Enclosure 2 of the NRC letter dated February 22, 1983 on this subject. On December 5, 1990, FPL discussed with the NRC staff its intention to change a commitment made in FPL letter L-83-146. As requested by the NRC staff, FPL's reason for changing this commitment are discussed below.

In response to Recommendation/Open Item #4, FPL stated that a separate load cell would be installed on the reactor vessel head lift rig, in lieu of modifying the reactor vessel upper internals lift rig load cell for use on both lift rigs. Modifying the reactor vessel upper internals lift rig load cells for use on both lift rigs was a Westinghouse recommendation for complying with the intent of NUREG-0612 by demonstrating acceptability relative to the requirements of ANSI N14.6-1978. FPL believed that by installing a separate load cell on the reactor vessel head lift rig, the load cell could be used as a backup to the reactor vessel upper internals lift rig should it ever become inoperable.

Installation of the separate reactor vessel head lift rig load cell was deferred because of a large number of higher priority items. In mid-1989, plant management re-evaluated and elevated the priority of this action item. An engineering estimate was completed which included an option to implement the original Westinghouse recommendation. Either option meets the intent of ANSI N14.6-1978. Based on a cost effectiveness review, a decision was made to exercise the original Westinghouse recommendation in lieu of providing a separate load cell for the reactor vessel head lift rig.

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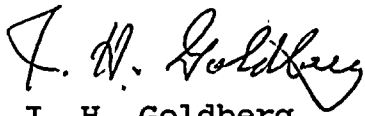
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