

CATEGORY 1

REGULATORY INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (RIDS)

ACCESSION NBR: 9707300234 DOC. DATE: 97/07/25 NOTARIZED: NO DOCKET #
 FACIL: 50-250 Turkey Point Plant, Unit 3, Florida Power and Light C 05000250
 50-251 Turkey Point Plant, Unit 4, Florida Power and Light C 05000251
 AUTH. NAME AUTHOR AFFILIATION
 PLUNKETT, T.F. Florida Power & Light Co.
 RECIP. NAME RECIPIENT AFFILIATION
 Document Control Branch (Document Control Desk)

SUBJECT: Submits util intent to discontinue use of high frequency re automatic link establishment for emergency preparedness communications.

DISTRIBUTION CODE: IE35D COPIES RECEIVED: LTR 1 ENCL 0 SIZE: 2
 TITLE: Emergency Preparedness-Appraisal/Confirmatory Action Ltr/Exercise Rep

NOTES:

RECIPIENT ID CODE/NAME	COPIES		RECIPIENT ID CODE/NAME	COPIES	
	LTR	ENCL		LTR	ENCL
PD2-3 PD	1	1	CROTEAU, R	1	1
INTERNAL: <u>FILE CENTER</u>	1	1	NRR/DISP/PIPB	1	1
NRR/DRPM/PERB	1	1	OE DIR	1	1
RGN2 FILE 01	1	1			
EXTERNAL: NOAC	1	1	NRC PDR	1	1

NOTE TO ALL "RIDS" RECIPIENTS:
 PLEASE HELP US TO REDUCE WASTE! CONTACT THE DOCUMENT CONTROL DESK,
 ROOM OWFN 5D-5 (EXT. 415-2083) TO ELIMINATE YOUR NAME FROM
 DISTRIBUTION LISTS FOR DOCUMENTS YOU DON'T NEED!

TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES REQUIRED: LTR 9 ENCL 2

C
A
T
E
G
O
R
Y

1

D
O
C
U
M
E
N
T



JUL 25 1997

L-97-113
10 CFR 50 Appendix E

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Turkey Point Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251
Emergency Preparedness Communications - Change of Commitment

This letter states our intent to discontinue use of the High Frequency - Automatic Link Establishment (HF - ALE) Radio System. This system was installed after Hurricane Andrew to provide additional redundancy to the Turkey Point Offsite Communication System. Subsequently, two satellite systems have been installed at Turkey Point Nuclear Plant; the MagnaPhone Satellite System, and the Emergency Satellite Communications System (ESATCOM), which will be used in place of the HF - ALE system. Florida Power & Light Company committed to the use of the HF - ALE system in our letters L-93-021 and L-93-083. Therefore, changing from the HF - ALE system to the MagnaPhone and ESATCOM systems is a change of commitment. In accordance with the guidance in the Nuclear Energy Institute's Guideline for Managing Commitments, this letter documents the change of commitment.

The MagnaPhone Satellite System is a portable telephone terminal purchased in May of 1993. This terminal is capable of communication with any telephone (public network, cellular, satellite, etc.) through either of two geosynchronously positioned satellites and an associated earth station to provide access to the public telephone system. To set up and establish communications on the terminal takes approximately five to ten minutes. The terminal has international accessibility, such that it may be called from any other telephone system by using an associated international code and phone number.

ESATCOM replaced the State of Florida's Division of Emergency Management's National Attack Warning System (NAWAS) on January 1, 1996. This is a closed system (independent of the public switching network) which provides communications to the State Warning Point from Turkey Point (Control Room, Technical Support Center, Emergency Operations Facility, and Emergency Preparedness Office). The system also has phones located in the County Emergency Operations Center, Local National Weather Service Offices, and the National Hurricane Center.

IE 35 10

9707300234 970725
PDR ADOCK 05000250
F PDR



From recent conversations with the NRC, it is our understanding that the NRC has discontinued use of the HF - ALE and also plans to rely on satellite communications.

The satellite communications systems in place at Turkey Point have provided the reliability desired in a backup communication system. It is our intent to discontinue use of the HF - ALE on August 31, 1997.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



T. F. Plunkett
President
Nuclear Division

CLM

cc: Luis A. Reyes, Regional Administrator, Region II, USNRC
Thomas P. Johnson, Senior Resident Inspector, USNRC, Turkey Point Plant