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NRC STATION BLACKOUT RULE (10CFR50.63) SAFETY EVALUATION
RESPONSE MODIFICATION

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to revise Carolina Power & Light Company's (CP&L) response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Station Blackout (SBO) Rule for the Harris Nuclear Plant (HNP).

By letter dated January 16, 1992, CP&L responded to the recommendations contained in the NRC's December 11, 1991 safety evaluation regarding the SBO Rule. This letter requested an exemption from the NUMARC 87-00, Section 4.2.3 pre-hurricane requirement to start and load test the emergency diesel generators (EDGs). This exemption request was based on a conflict with "post operating maintenance requirements imposed by Technical Specifications which would render the EDGs inoperable for some duration." The post operating maintenance requirements referred to involved EDG post-run engine air rolls required by Attachment 1 to HNP's Facility Operating License NPF-63, "TDI Diesel Engine Requirements."

On January 12, 1995, the NRC issued Amendment 53 to the Operating License which deleted Attachment 1 and thus the Operating License requirement to perform EDG post-run engine rolls. In addition, vendor recommendations have changed and also no longer require post-run engine rolls. Based on this, HNP will no longer exercise the above exemption and will start and load test the EDGs prior to the onset of a hurricane per NUMARC 87-00. The applicable plant procedure (AP-301, Adverse Weather Operations) has been revised to implement this operational change.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. J. H. Eads at (919) 362-2646.

Sincerely,

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