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June 22, 1979

Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
101 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

This is to confirm the telephone call to Mr. Dick Wessman (NRC) by
Mr. J. D. Woodard (APCo) at 1545 hours on June 22, 1979.

Alabama Power Company was notified at 1400 hours on June 21, 1979, by
Westinghouse that a high energy line break inside containment could result
in heatup of the steam generator level transmitter reference legs. A
resulting level bias caused by reference leg density decrease could delay
or prevent automatic generation of reactor trip and auxiliary feedwater
initiation signals by low-low steam generator water level bistables.
Alabama Power Company is evaluating corrective action that may be required.
Unit 1 is currently in Mode 5. This condition was discussed with Mr.
Wessman at 0830 hours on June 22, 1979.

This condition is being reported under the potential applicability of
Technical Specification 6.9.1.8(h).

Further details will be furnished in the 14 day follow-up report.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Woodard
for W. G. Hairston, III
Plant Manager

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