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Mr. R. L. Tedesco
Assistant Director of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

SUBJECT: Waterford 3 SES
Docket No. 50-382
Cultural Resources Licensing Nomination Forms
National Register of Historical Places

REFERENCE: Letter from R. L. Tedesco (NRC) to L. V. Maurin
dated July 10, 1981, Regarding Request for
Additional Information/Waterford 3

Dear Mr. Tedesco:

As requested in the above referenced letter, the completed National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination forms for archaeological Area 3 (Waterford Plantation Overseers House Site), Area 4 (Waterford Plantation Workers Quarters Site) and Area 5 (Waterford Plantation Sugar Mill Site) on Louisiana Power & Light's Waterford 3 property are enclosed. The numerical designations correspond to those used in the archaeological investigation contained in Appendix 2-6 of the Operating License Stage Environmental Report (OLER).

As you are aware, these forms should be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register accompanied by the following:

- a) A copy of Appendix 2-6 of the Waterford 3 OLER,
- b) The enclosed evaluation of archaeological district potential,
- c) A letter from the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer containing his views and comments on the archaeological sites, and
- d) A transmittal letter formally requesting a determination of eligibility.



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It may be helpful to point out that it is our understanding that the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has not yet formally commented on the potential eligibility of the archaeological sites present on the Waterford 3 property. We are aware that, in accordance with 36 CFR 63 (formally 36 CFR 1204) the lead federal agency must solicit the opinion of the SHPO prior to requesting determinations of eligibility.

We would further like to request that, in order to expedite the processing of this matter, if the NRC and the SHPO should concur that any of the Areas 3, 4, and 5 are eligible, the NRC also request the SHPO to offer a determination of the project's effects on any of the eligible areas. We believe this could be completed simultaneously with NRC's request to the DOI for the determination of eligibility. In addition, attached for the DOI's consideration is a discussion of why we feel it is inappropriate to treat Areas 3, 4, and 5 as an archeological district.

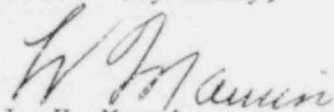
In conclusion, we would like to repeat our earlier commitment to protect these resources during the eligibility determination process. In response to the request contained in your letter, we would again draw your attention to Section 5.6.1 of the Waterford 3 OLER, which states:

"No disrupting activities in the areas identified as containing these extant remains will take place until a mitigation plan, approved by the SHPO, has been effectuated."

This commitment by LP&L will protect these resources during and after the eligibility determination process.

We trust this information will satisfy your needs. Should you have any additional questions or comments on this matter, or require additional assistance, please contact R. Prados at 504-363-8773.

Yours very truly,



L. V. Maurin
Assistant Vice President
Nuclear Operations

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Enclosure

cc: E. L. Blake, W. M. Stevenson, S. Black