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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. G. W. Knighton, Chief
Licensing Branch Number 3
Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

SUBJECT: Waterford SES Unit 3
Docket Number 50-382
CE Owners Group Study on Depressurization and Decay Heat Removal

REFERENCES: (1) Letter dated March 27, 1982 from Tedesco (NRC) to Maurin (LP&L)
(2) W3P82-2309 dated August 25, 1982
(3) Letter dated April 19, 1983 from Novak (NRC) to Maurin (LP&L)

Dear Sir:

As you know, LP&L is participating in a lengthy and costly CE Owners Group (CEOG) study on depressurization and decay heat removal for plants without PORVs. The study was initiated to respond to NRC questions on this subject contained in Reference (1). In Reference (2), which is dated August 25, 1982, LP&L committed to responding to your questions by August 15, 1983. We indicated at that time that a staggered schedule response for the CEOG participating utilities was necessary to accommodate the extensive scope and plant specific nature of the questions.

LP&L received no formal response to our letter until Reference (3) dated April 19, 1983. In Reference (3) you note that the Staff will make a decision regarding the need for PORVs based on all information received by June 30, 1983.

LP&L has made arrangements to accelerate our schedule and will provide a response to the NRC questions by June 30, 1983.

Yours very truly,

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