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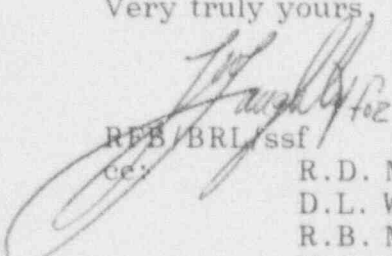
Gentlemen:

A final report on the 1988 guide rail failures of the two Main Steam Isolation Valves (MSIVs) was issued to the NRC on June 23, 1988, per Louisiana Power & Light (LP&L) letter no. W3A88-0065. The report describes design enhancements and corrective actions which were implemented to provide assurance that the MSIV guide rails would not be subjected to the failure mechanisms documented in the report. In addition, LP&L stated that Waterford 3 would perform inspections on these valves during future outages utilizing a fiber optic camera and recorder.

The camera inspections were performed during the third refueling outage and deficiencies noted were corrected prior to start-up. The MSIVs were inspected again during the fourth refueling outage and no problems requiring corrective actions were detected.

Based upon these results, Waterford 3 intends to continue MSIV inspections on an as needed basis, as determined by plant management. If you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact B.R. Loetzerich at (504) 739-6636.

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