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CORPORATION
Crystal River Unit 3
Docket No. 50-302

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D. C. 20555-0001

Subject: Corrective Action Date Affected by Current Forced Outage

References: (1) Licensee Event Report (LER) 96-019-00, issued July 15, 1996
(2) FPC to NRC letter 3F1296-05, dated December 13, 1996

Dear Sir:

Reference 1, above, described a misclassification of a manual power transfer switch for Engineered Safeguards (ES) status lights. The ES Status lights are required to be safety related to meet Regulatory Guide 1.97 requirements, but the manual transfer switch which provides continuity of power from the vital bus distribution panels, was not upgraded to safety related when Reg. Guide 1.97 was implemented.

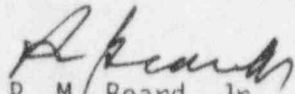
As described in the referenced LER, Florida Power Corporation (FPC) planned to either replace the manual transfer switch with a qualified switch, upgrade the switch to safety related, or remove the switch from the affected circuit. FPC has decided to upgrade the switch to safety related; however, completion of this action has been affected by the current forced outage, and the action will not be completed by the end of 1996 as stated in the LER.

The modification to upgrade the subject manual transfer switch is identified as Issue Number D-21 included in Attachment B, "Restart Issues," provided with Reference 2. That letter described FPC's creation of a Crystal River Unit 3 Restart Panel patterned after the NRC's 0350 process. The CR-3 Restart Panel will track this item to closure. In the interim, with the plant in MODE 5 (COLD SHUTDOWN) and ES Actuation System in bypass, there are no concerns with the manual transfer switch in its current condition.

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A copy of this letter will be maintained on file with LER 96-019-00 and made available for future NRC inspections, as necessary.

Sincerely,



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