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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RELATED TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATORS
ST. LUCIE UNITS 1 AND 2
FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
DOCKET NOS. 50-335 AND 50-389

1. The staff is concerned over your use of “trigger values” to ensure that the emergency diesel generator (EDG) reliability for St. Lucie Units 1 and 2 remains greater than or equal to the target reliability chosen for your EDGs to meet station blackout (SBO) rule. Please justify your amendment request without relying on the “trigger values.”
2. Your staff indicated in a telephone conference on January 19, 2000, that each of the Unit 1 and Unit 2 EDGs is capable of powering its dedicated division of safety loads in addition to the complement of selected Unit 1 or Unit 2 loads necessary to maintain the units in Hot Standby through the duration of the SBO event. Your staff also indicated that procedures are in place to accomplish the above through the SBO crosstie. Please clarify this aspect of the design for Unit 2 in your application. In addition, indicate that the time it takes to establish this connection satisfies the availability requirements of an alternate AC source used for the SBO event.
3. Page 8, Table 4 - Explain the relationship among the early containment failure probability (0.01 or 0.1), core damage frequency (CDF), and large early release frequency (LERF).
4. Pages 6, 7 and 8, Tables 1, 2 and 3 - In Tables 1 and 2, $1.39E-5/yr$ was referred to as a conditional CDF based on zero EDG unavailability. The same value was referred to as an average baseline CDF in Table 3. Explain.
5. The staff finds that the loss of grid initiating event frequency does not include plant-centered loss of offsite power (LOOP). Does the FPL’s risk evaluation include the risk impact of the proposed change due to this plant-centered LOOP initiating event? Explain.
6. Is the crosstie recovery event failure probability (0.1) identical for both units? Explain why the asymmetry in design between the units was not captured.
7. Explain how the recommended Tier 2 restriction is going to be implemented.
8. Explain EOP-99, Appendix G for manual C auxiliary feedwater pump start, and justify the basic event failure probability used for it in your PRA.

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