



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

March 9, 1982

Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION UNIT 3

Dear Dr. Palladino:

During its 263rd meeting, March 4-6, 1982, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards continued its review of the application of Louisiana Power and Light Company (Applicant) for a license to operate the Waterford Steam Electric Station Unit 3 (Waterford-3). This project was considered at a Subcommittee meeting on March 3, 1982 in Washington, D.C. and at a previous full Committee meeting on August 6-8, 1981. During the August meeting, the Committee prepared an interim report to you dated August 11, 1981. In its review the Committee had the benefit of discussions with the Applicant and the NRC Staff. The Committee also had the benefit of the documents listed.

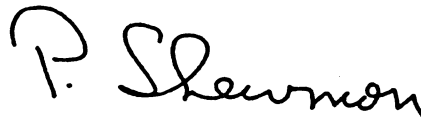
In its interim report the Committee expressed concern about the organizational readiness of the Applicant to operate the plant and about the adequacy of the Applicant's training program. The report made several specific suggestions, and we indicated that we would report to you further on the adequacy of staffing and management.

During the meetings on March 3 and 4, 1982, the NRC Staff reported its conclusion that the Applicant's organization, staff, and management will be adequate to operate Waterford-3 in a safe manner by the time of fuel loading, currently scheduled for January 1983. The Applicant described efforts over the past six months to strengthen the Waterford-3 organization and training program. These efforts include important changes in the corporate structure to provide increased dedication of management to the task of completing and operating Waterford-3, changes in the operating organization to permit improved focus on direct operational and technical support functions, substantial progress toward completion of staffing, the formation of a comprehensive training program, and establishment of a strong Safety Review Committee. In addition, the Applicant described the integration of the Waterford-3 and contract personnel into an effective startup organization.

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The Committee believes that the Applicant has effectively responded to the concerns regarding organization and management expressed in our August 11, 1981 report. We believe that with continued dedication of Louisiana Power and Light Company management, satisfactory completion of staffing and the planned program for training, and due consideration to other matters noted in our August 11, 1981 report, there is reasonable assurance the Waterford Steam Electric Station Unit 3 can be operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Shewmon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "P" being large and prominent.

P. Shewmon
Chairman

References

1. Louisiana Power and Light Company, "Waterford Steam Electric Station Unit No. 3, Final Safety Analysis Report," with Amendments 1-25.
2. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Operation of Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit No. 3," NUREG-0787, dated July 1981 with Supplement 1, dated October 1981 and Supplement 2, dated January 1982.