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STATEMENT ON TURKEY POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

At approximately 1:09 p.m. today, Turkey Point's two nuclear reactors (units 3 and 4) automatically shut down from 100% power in response to an "undervoltage" caused when two power distribution lines between Miami and Daytona went down following an equipment malfunction in a substation near Miami. The automatic trip of the reactors is a safety measure to protect plant equipment from abnormal power line voltages. The reactors are likely to be shut down for 12 to 24 hours, as part of a regular re-start protocol, with offsite power sources remaining available. Emergency diesel generators were not necessary.

There are Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspectors on site, and the NRC is closely monitoring the situation from its regional office in Atlanta and from headquarters in Rockville, Md.

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