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SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE RULE TEAM INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-334/97-80 AND

50-412/97-80

Dear Mr. Cross:

This refers to the team inspection conducted on July 7-11, 1997, at the Beaver Valley Power Station. The purpose of the inspection was to review the implementation of Beaver Valley's maintenance rule program under 10 CFR 50.65. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection, which were also presented to Mr. S. Jain of your staff at a July 11, 1997, exit meeting.

Your program met the requirements of the maintenance rule and had some very good aspects. The team concluded that Duquesne Light Company (DLC) had done an excellent job on scoping structures, systems and components (SSCs) into the maintenance rule program. The on-line maintenance program had a good safety assessment element. The effective use of PRA (probabilistic risk assessment) and the active participation of the PRA group added to your program. The expert panel was knowledgeable and generally effective. The system engineers tasked with implementing the maintenance rule program, had a good understanding of the maintenance rule program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

James T. Wiggins, Director Division of Reactor Safety

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