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Mr. R. P. Powers
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2000, D.C. COOK PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Mr. Powers:

On September 27, 2000, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Michigan. The meeting was held to discuss the status of D.C. Cook Unit 1 restart activities, Unit 2 operational performance, performance in areas common to both Units, and NRC Manual Chapter (MC) 0350 oversight inspections. Formal presentations were made by the American Electric Power Company (licensee) staff. Enclosure 1 is a list of attendees for the meeting, and Enclosure 2 is a copy of the slides used by your staff.

The MC 0350 public meetings between the licensee and the NRC staff are designed to provide a mechanism for the exchange of information regarding the status of ongoing activities at D.C. Cook. Senior management from the NRC and the licensee participated in the meetings.

Your Plant Manager presented to the NRC staff a summary of Unit 2 operational performance since restart on June 22, 2000. Your staff stated that the Unit 2 startup and power ascension was performed in a deliberate manner and the Unit continues to operate well. Overall operator performance has been good. Operators have demonstrated a questioning attitude and ownership in responding to various equipment issues. However, some human performance problems have occurred and corrective actions are being implemented to address these problems. Your Plant Manager stated that some of the human performance problems were precipitated by the long shutdown, new procedures, and changes to equipment configurations. Lessons learned from the Unit 2 startup and power ascension were to be applied to preparations being made for Unit 1 restart. The NRC staff questioned your managers regarding the backlog of maintenance issues on Unit 2. Your staff replied that the backlog of corrective maintenance items has remained constant and efforts are in progress to manage the backlog.

Your Restart Director then presented a summary of the status of Unit 1 restart activities. The major activities completed or ongoing are currently on or ahead of schedule. Examples included the first Train A and B electrical bus outages, ice condenser restoration activities, and motor-operated valve refurbishment activities. The NRC staff and your staff discussed the role of Performance Assurance and other self-assessment organizations to ensure activities were being completed in a quality manner. Your Restart Director stated that based on current

performance, Unit 1 may be ready to restart in early December 2000. The NRC staff stated that several inspections are planned to assess the restart readiness of Unit 1, including a 10 CFR 50.59 and permanent modifications team inspection, and a restart readiness assessment team inspection.

Your Plant Manager discussed several performance areas where improvements were needed, including human performance (attention to detail) and Maintenance Rule program implementation. In both of these areas, efforts were in progress to understand the root cause of the problems and develop corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

You then presented to the NRC staff a summary of recent major accomplishments, including good performance of Unit 2 during the first 100 days of operation, and good progress in completing Unit 1 restart related activities. In closing, you stated that the focus of the restart effort is to safely complete restart required work, and assuring quality results.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: 1. List of Meeting Attendees
2. Licensee's Slide Presentation

Docket Nos. 50-315; 50-316
License Nos. DPR-58; DPR-74

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