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Docket No. 50-373

Mr. Cordell Reed  
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 Commonwealth Edison Company  
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 Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Mr. Reed:

Subject: La Salle County Station, Unit 1 - Approval to Proceed above Zero  
 Power Physics Testing

We have completed our review of your reports dated May 7, 1982 and May 18, 1982, which related to allegations submitted by the Attorney General of Illinois and Illinois Friends of the Earth. We have concluded that the matters of License Condition 2.C(4) have been resolved to our satisfaction. Specifically, that license condition stated:

"The licensee shall complete its assessment of the rebar damaged due to drilling and coring in concrete and the structural adequacy of the off-gas building roof. The results shall be reported to the NRC staff for review and approval, prior to power operation following initial criticality and zero power physics testing."

Accordingly, you are authorized to proceed beyond the zero power physics testing and to operate La Salle County Station, Unit 1 at reactor core power levels not in excess of 5 percent of full power (166 megawatts thermal) in accordance with the conditions specified by License No. NPF-11.

The NRC staff's efforts in dealing with these allegations extended considerably beyond the originally defined areas. A copy of the NRC staff findings with respect to these investigations is being provided to you by NRC's Region III.

Sincerely,

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Harold R. Denton, Director  
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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