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SUBJECT: NRC REVIEW OF REPORT FROM INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY
ON EVENT INVOLVING FAILURE OF HINGE BRACKET ON TEXAS NUCLEAR
GAUGE

Dear Mr. Casper:

This acknowledges receipt of your written report, dated February 23, 2011, for the event that you discovered on January 14, 2011, involving a failure of a pivot (hinge) gauge on a Texas Nuclear Model 5197 gauge.

Based on your written report, we understand that you identified the root cause of the event to be a pivot (hinge) gauge that failed due to old age. We also understand that, as corrective action, you had a representative from the gauge manufacturer replace the bracket that failed, as well as upgrade the bracket on another similar gauge that you possess. We have reviewed your response to the event and your corrective actions and have no further questions at this time. Our review of this event is closed.

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact Mr. Edward Kulzer at 630-829-9875 or by e-mail at Edward.Kulzer@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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