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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-261/93-35

This refers to the inspection conducted by W. T. Orders of this office on November 22 through December 3, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your H. B. Robinson facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, two apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C. One apparent violation involves the potential for simultaneous inoperability of both EDGs when the unit was operated at power between the dates of November 12 and November 17, 1993. The other apparent violation involves potential inadequate corrective actions pertaining to the event of October 25, 1993 in which the "B" EDG failed to start, which led to a similar related failure of the EDG on November 22, 1993. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these findings. Please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for December 29, 1993. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their cause and safety significance, to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report and to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions. In addition, this is an opportunity for you to provide any information concerning your perspective of 1) the severity of the issue, 2) the factors the NRC considers when it determines the amount of a civil penalty that may be assessed in accordance with Section VI.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy, and 3) the possible basis for exercising discretion in

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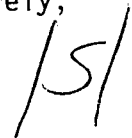
accordance with Section VII of the Enforcement Policy. You will be advised in separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations in this matter. No response regarding the apparent violations is required at this time.

This enforcement conference will be open to public observation in accordance with the Commission's trial program as discussed in the enclosed Federal Register Notice (Enclosure 2). Although not required, we encourage you to provide your comments on how you believe holding this conference open to public observation affected your presentation and your communications with the NRC.

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.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. NRC Inspection Report
2. Federal Register Notice

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