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Reference: PLA-4791, G. T. Jones to USNRC, "Reply to Notice of Violation 50-387/388-97-80-01," dated November 3, 1997.

The purpose of this letter is to resolve a commitment made in response to a Notice of Violation (NOV) issued as part of NRC Inspection Report 50-387/97-80, 50-388/97-80, dated September 30, 1997. Item 3.b of that response stated the following:

"PP&L will submit a letter to the NRC to propose an appropriate course of action to disposition the two interlocks that are the subject of TSI 1/2-94-007 with respect to the current Technical Specifications. If required, by December 12, 1997 PP&L will submit a change to the current Technical Specifications for both units to delete them. Based on the NRC interpretation provided in the Notice of Violation, this change would have to be approved by the NRC prior to the commencement of Core Alterations in the upcoming spring 1998 Unit 1 10th Refueling and Inspection Outage."

Our approach to resolving this item has been discussed with the Sr. Resident Inspector and the Sr. Project Manager. PP&L, Inc. plans to revise the current Technical Specifications through implementation of the Improved Technical Specifications (ITS), rather than requesting that a separate change be issued prior to ITS. This is based on PP&L, Inc.'s additional commitment in the NOV response (ref. Item 3.c.2):

"PP&L will submit a change to the Improved Technical Specifications to delete reference to the service platform hoist interlock,"

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and our expectation that NRC ITS review and approval will be accomplished by our currently planned date of June 30, 1998. Should the ITS schedule become impacted such that reconsideration of the need for a current Technical Specification change is warranted, PP&L, Inc. will, in a timely manner, review the need to change this commitment with the NRC.

If you have any questions about this plan, please contact Mr. J. M. Kenny at (610) 774-7535.

Sincerely,



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