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Mr. James G. Keppler, Director
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Subject: Dresden Station Unit 2
Response to IE Bulletin No. 78-05
NRC Docket No. 50-237

Reference (a): C. Reed letter to J. G. Keppler dated
May 25, 1978

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) stated that the G.E. Model CR 105X auxiliary contact devices located at various safety-related 480V motor control centers would be replaced by the end of the next refueling outage for Dresden Unit 2.

Primarily as a result of manpower problems, it is doubtful that these CR 105X devices on Unit 2 safety-related motor control centers will be replaced during the Unit 2 refueling outage, which is scheduled to begin on March 17, 1979. The manpower shortage has been caused by accelerated repair and replacement work to restore the Dresden Unit 3 main transformer to service. These devices will be scheduled for replacement at the next refueling outage, currently scheduled for Fall 1980.

To date, none of the CR 105X auxiliary contact mechanisms installed on any 480V motor control centers at Dresden have experienced a binding problem of the plunger arm. No failures have occurred attributable to problems with these devices, and no corrective maintenance has been deemed necessary. For these reasons, we believe that accelerated replacement of these devices is not warranted. The existing surveillance test program is adequate to detect the failure of a CR 105X device should it occur. If a failure is discovered, the device will be promptly replaced and the overall replacement schedule will be re-evaluated.

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Please address any questions concerning this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Director
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