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Dear Mr. Farrar:

SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY - QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM TOPICAL
REPORT CE-1-A, REVISION 65 (TAC NOS. M89129, M89130, M89131, M89132,
M89133, M89134, M89135, M89136, M89137, M89138, M89139, AND M89140)

By letter dated March 29, 1994, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) transmitted Revision 65 of the Quality Assurance Report, CE-1-A, (QA Topical) dated March 25, 1994. The revision reflects organizational changes, expands the descriptions of the audit and augmented quality functions, and adds a description of the offsite and onsite review and investigative functions. While there were a number of changes, the major ones were: (1) change the reporting relationship of the Site Quality Verification Director from the Nuclear Oversight Manager to the Site Vice President; (2) incorporate the audit, onsite review descriptions, and offsite review descriptions from the plants' technical specifications (TSSs) to the QA Topical; (3) change the audit frequency to a performance based schedule from a fixed schedule; and (4) change the offsite, independent review conditions, which now require more than one participant for each review, to allow a determination to be made when multi-participant reviews are required. Based on an initial review, the NRC staff determined that certain of the proposed changes reduced commitments in the program description previously accepted by the NRC. Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3), the NRC must approve those changes prior to implementation.

In response to telephone conferences and a staff request for additional information dated July 26, 1994, additional information was provided by ComEd on August 12, 1994 and September 29, 1994. In the August 12, 1994, letter ComEd informed the NRC that it would not propose to eliminate the independent triennial fire protection audit. Similarly, the September 29, 1994, letter stated that ComEd would not implement the changes in the offsite and onsite review committees, item (4) above.

The NRC reviewed the remaining changes in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(a) and the acceptance criteria specified in Section 17.2 of NUREG 0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants." Based on its review, the staff concluded that the changes embodied in Revision 65 to the QA Topical as modified by the August and September letters, continue to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50,

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Sincerely,

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