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August 9, 1996

Mr. Thomas J. Maiman
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Dear Mr. Maiman:

This letter is to inform you of our plans to conduct an Independent Safety Inspection (ISI) of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3, and confirms July 29 and August 9, 1996, telephone conversations between Mr. H. W. Keiser of your staff and myself. The purpose of the ISI is to provide an independent evaluation of safety performance of Dresden Station to supplement recent Nuclear Regulatory Commission Senior Management Meeting discussions.

The overall goals and objectives of the ISI are:

- Evaluate the effectiveness of the corrective action programs.
- Provide an independent assessment of conformance to the design and licensing basis.
- Evaluate the conduct and effectiveness of maintenance activities including work processes, post-maintenance testing, and implementation of maintenance rule activities.
- Provide an independent assessment of operational safety performance.

I have been directed to manage the ISI team and report directly to the Executive Director for Operations, Mr. James M. Taylor for this project. The ISI will be composed of a team of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) headquarters and regional inspectors and NRC contractors. NRC team members will be independent of any recent regulatory responsibilities for any Commonwealth Edison plant. Our preliminary plan is to conduct the onsite inspection and the Commonwealth Edison Company headquarters reviews during the periods of September 30 - October 11, 1996, and October 28 - November 8, 1996.

Additional information regarding the ISI will be provided in future communications with your designated staff. Representatives of the ISI Team plan to be on site August 20-22, 1996, to provide further information on the purpose, process, and plans for the inspection, and to make preliminary, logistical and administrative arrangements, as well as to request selected station and corporate documents.

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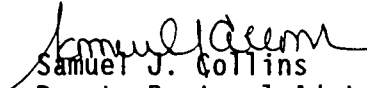
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Mr. Thomas J. Maiman

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Mr. Arthur Howell, whose regular duty is that of Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Projects at our regional office in Arlington, Texas, will be the team leader for this inspection. During the inspection period, Mr. Howell may be reached by telephone at (817) 276-6526. Please feel free at any time to call either me or Mr. Howell at the above number with regard to this inspection.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Regional Administrator

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