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Thomas W. Ortciger, Director Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety 1035 Outer Park Drive Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Mr. Ortciger:

We are pleased to have an Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (IDNS) representative observe the NRC's Independent Safety Inspection (ISI) of the Dresden Station. Your expertise and insights will be greatly appreciated during this comprehensive evaluation. Your representative will have full access to the team's activities, and will report directly to Arthur T. Howell, the Team Leader. Mr. Howell will coordinate with the functional area team leaders consistent with IDNS' needs for team member accompaniment and ISI observation.

Because of the sensitive nature of this effort, certain protocols were agreed to during previous discussions with your staff and are in accordance with NRC Policy and NRC Management Directive 5.2, "Memoranda of Understanding With States." These conditions are outlined in the enclosed Protocol Agreement. Please have the IDNS observer sign and return this Protocol Agreement as soon as possible. Thank you for you cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Arthur Howell at (817) 276-6528.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Collins

Deputy Regional Administrator

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Enclosure: Protocol Agreement

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PROTOCOL AGREEMENT FOR STATE OF ILLINOIS OBSERVATION OF NRC INSPECTION

As part of my observation of the NRC's Independent Safety Inspection (ISI) of the Dresden Station, I agree to the following protocols:

- I will make advance arrangements with the licensee for site access training and badging (subject to fitness-for-duty requirements), prior to the actual on-site period.
- My communication with the licensee, regarding matters related to the independent inspection, will be through the appropriate NRC team member, usually the functional area team leader or the ISI team leader.
- When informed of an unannounced inspection activity, I will not release information concerning its time and purpose.
- I will remain in the company of NRC personnel throughout the course of the inspection.
- I understand that my participation may be terminated by the NRC if my conduct interferes with a fair and orderly inspection.
- I will not be provided with proprietary or safeguards information. I will not remove any material from the site without NRC or licensee approval.
- I understand that, in accompanying NRC personnel, I do so at my own risk. NRC
 will not be responsible for injuries or exposures to harmful substances which may
 occur during the inspection and will assume no liability for any incidents associated
 with my accompaniment.
- I agree to adhere to the same standards of conduct as NRC personnel during this inspection accompaniment.
- If I become aware of any apparent non-conformance with safety or regulatory requirements during the inspection, I will make those observations promptly known to the ISI team leader or functional area team leader. Likewise, when my overall conclusions or views are substantially different from those of NRC team members, I will advise the ISI team leader and forward those views, in writing, to Mr. Samuel J. Collins, ISI Team Manager. This will allow NRC to take any necessary regulatory actions.
- Under no circumstances will state communications regarding the results of these
 inspections be released to the public or the licensee before they are reviewed by the
 NRC and the inspection report is issued. State communications may be made
 publicly available, similar to NRC inspection reports, after they have been
 transmitted to and reviewed by NRC.

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