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Mr. Edson G. Case, Deputy Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Dresden Station Units 2 and 3

Inservice Inspection Program NRC Docket Nos. 50-237/249

Dear Mr. Case:

The inservice inspection program for Dresden
Units 2 and 3 is required by 10 CFR 50.55a to be updated
on February 9, 1979 and July 18, 1978, respectively.
Each unit should update to the edition of the ASME Boiler
and Pressure Vessel Code in effect six (6) months prior to
these dates. A problem exists because units of similar
design could possibly be required to update to different
editions of the code and even more importantly would submit
and implement their programs at different times. It is
highly undesirable for the two Dresden units to have different
NDE procedures, ultrasonic standards and to initiate
implementation procedures separately for the two units.

Commonwealth Edison, therefore proposes to establish a single inservice inspection program implementation date for both Dresden Units 2 and 3. The proposed date for the two units is November 1, 1978, half-way between the two original dates. It is further proposed that the applicable code requirements be as defined in the ASME Code, 1974 Edition with addenda through Summer 1975 and all future updates to the inspection program maintain a common date.

Because of the rapidly approaching submittal date for the November 1, 1978 implementation date, we require a prompt response to this request.

Mr. Edson G. Case:

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Please address any questions on this matter to this office.

One (1) signed original and fifty-nine (59) copies of this letter are provided for your use.

Very truly yours,

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Nuclear Licensing Administrator Boiling Water Reactors