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Docket Nos. 50-237
and 50-249

Commonwealth Edison Company
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Attention: Mr. W. B. Behnke, Jr.
Assistant to the President

Gentlemen:

During the course of our review of your application for a construction permit and facility license which would authorize construction and operation of a nuclear power reactor at the Dresden site, located in Grundy County, Illinois, we requested the comments or recommendations of the U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, concerning the impact of the operation of the plant on the areas of responsibility of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

A copy of the Fish and Wildlife report, dated July 15, 1968, containing comments and recommendations on both radiological and non-radiological effects of the proposed reactor facility is enclosed for your information. In particular, we would like to call your attention to the recommendations made by the Fish and Wildlife Service. We request that you review the report and submit your comments on the radiological matters discussed by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Copies of this report are also being sent to appropriate state and local officials. The radiological safety aspects of this report will be considered in the analysis of the safety of the project by the regulatory staff and by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. Our conclusions will be included in the public safety evaluation.

Those matters that deal with radiological consequences of plant operation noted in the Fish and Wildlife Service report are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. However, as recommended in the

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Service's report, copies of your reports on the results of the radiological surveys should be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

The substantive regulatory jurisdiction of the Atomic Energy Commission, under present law, is limited essentially to matters of radiological health and safety and the common defense and security, and we now lack authority to impose restrictions regarding the thermal and chemical effects of discharges from licensed nuclear facilities. However, we wish to call these matters to your attention in order that you may have the benefit of the Service's recommendations concerning potential non-radiological effects upon the environment.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by:
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Enclosure:
U. S. Fish & Wildlife
Service Report dtd 7/15/68

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