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Docket No. 50-397

Washington Public Power Supply System
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Attention: Mr. G. C. Sorensen
Manager, Regulatory Programs

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. C. Sorensen, D. L. Proulx, and C. D. Townsend, of this office, and Ms. P. L. Eng of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, on December 9, 1991 - January 23, 1992 of activities authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-21, and to the discussions of findings held by the inspectors with Mr. J. Baker and other members of the Supply System staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). This violation indicates a weakness in your translation of Technical Specifications (TS) requirements into surveillance procedures. No conversion factor was provided for the 18 month Main Steam Leakage Control (MSLC) System surveillance test to convert cubic feet per minute to standard conditions, which was necessary to verify the MSLC blower capacity in accordance with the Technical Specifications. Our concern with this issue was increased when management's initial reaction to resolve the issue was to attempt to interpret the Technical Specifications in an inappropriate manner. In your response to the enclosed Notice, please describe your views on the appropriateness of interpreting the Technical Specifications in this case, and your intentions on how to approach these types of issues in the future.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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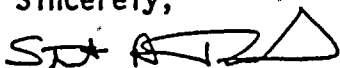


In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



S. A. Richards, Chief
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Enclosure:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-397/91-46

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