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EA 96-327 & 96-343

J. V. Parrish, Chief Executive Officer  
Washington Public Power Supply System  
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SUBJECT: PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCES

Dear Mr. Parrish:

This refers to the predecisional enforcement conferences conducted in the Region IV office on October 22, 1996. These conferences involved discussions of apparent violations reported in NRC Inspection Reports 50-397/96-16 and 50-397/96-19. The purpose was to provide the Supply System an opportunity to discuss the facts with respect to the missed TS surveillances, the early criticality event and the manipulation of the adjustable speed drive system by a nonlicensed contract engineer. The meetings also provided your staff an opportunity to discuss the corrective actions you have taken or are planning to take which would preclude similar future recurrence. The enforcement decisions reached as a result of these conferences will be communicated to you under separate correspondence.

During the afternoon predecisional enforcement conference (EA 96-343, which discussed in part the early criticality event), you committed to provide the NRC with:

- A statement of fact letter provided to you by a shift technical adviser involved in the incident and any other statements of fact from other interviewees you find pertinent. (We understand that you may choose to redact the statements to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned.)
- A resubmission your response to Notice of Violation 50-397/9616-01 and 50-397/9616-02, and
- Your Incident Review Board Report for plant evaluation report PER 296-0522.

These items have been received.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice, " Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth E. Brockman, Acting Director  
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Docket No.: 50-397  
License No.: NPF-21

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2. Licensee Presentations

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LICENSEE/FACILITY	Washington Public Power Supply System/ WNP-2
DATE/TIME	October 22, 1996 9 am and 1 pm
CONFERENCE LOCATION	RIV. Offices
EA NUMBER	96-343 & 96-327

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