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Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
ATTN: Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger
Vice President and
Chief Nuclear Officer
P.O. Box 236
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NOS. 50-272/90-80 and 50-311/90-80

During the period of January 16 - 25, 1990, the NRC conducted an announced team inspection of the emergency procedures used by the operators at Salem Units 1 and 2.

At the conclusion of the inspection, Mr. L. Briggs discussed the preliminary findings with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. Within the context of this report, the term emergency procedures includes the Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs), Abnormal Operating Procedures (AOPs) and all procedures directly referenced by the EOPs.

Attachment 3 to the enclosed inspection report summarizes the weaknesses identified relative to the emergency procedures. You are requested to respond to the identified weaknesses within sixty days of receipt of this letter.

The overall assessment of the inspection team is that the program at Salem for development of the symptom based Emergency Operating Procedures was very good. The technical adequacy and usefulness of the AOPs was determined by the team to be marginal due to an unnecessary reliance on operator memory for component location and equipment operation. The significance of this matter was discussed in detail during the January 25, 1990 exit meeting. During the meeting your staff committed to review, walkdown, correct and implement all procedures that fall under the EOP family of procedures. In your response to this letter please reconfirm this commitment and provide the expected completion date.

The response requested by this letter is 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.

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Should you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact me at 215/337-5291.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

ROBERT M. GALLO

Robert M. Gallo, Chief
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Enclosure: Inspection Report Nos. 50-272/90-80 and 50-311/90-80 w/Attachments 1, 2, and 3

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