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Public Service Electric and Gas Company
ATTN: Mr. S. E. Miltenberger
Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer

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Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection Nos. 50-272/91-23; 50-311/91-23; 50-354/91-16

This letter transmits the findings of the routine, resident safety inspection conducted by Mr. T. Johnson and others from July 31, 1991, to September 10, 1991, at the Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations. The findings were previously discussed with Mr. C. Vondra and Mr. R. Hovey of your staff on September 16, 1991.

Areas examined during this inspection are identified in the report. Based on our observations in this period, your organization was effective in operating and maintaining the Hope Creek and Salem Nuclear Generating Stations in a safe and effective manner. However, it appears that one of your activities at Hope Creek was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation. The violation, involving inadequate maintenance and control of the Post Accident Sampling System (PASS), indicates that low operability and maintenance priority was afforded the Hope Creek PASS, such that system effectiveness and reliability were diminished. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of

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Management and Budget as required by the Paper Work Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law No. 96-511. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report Nos. 50-272/91-23; 50-311/91-23; 50-354/91-16

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