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SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION 50-272/95-07; 50-311/95-07

Dear Mr. Eliason:

This letter refers to your June 23, 1995 correspondence, in response to our May 24, 1995 letter.

During our review, we noted that you disagreed that example 3 of Violation B was a violation. You indicated that the security supervisor did not remove or disassemble any components, nor did she use any tools. You also restated your policy on this matter which is that security force personnel are not authorized to perform maintenance. However, PSE&G has determined that it is a basic patrol duty to confirm the operation and reliability of mechanical door components. This activity enables security personnel to make a preliminary assessment of potential problems.

After further consideration, we have noted that elements of your reasoning are valid. However, we still feel there are important lessons to be learned from this activity. First, your discussion did not identify the actions of the responding security officer. He also took action to cycle the door latch in an attempt to unstick it. Our inspector directly observed this activity and commented that this cycling could potentially mask the nature of the sticking problem when site services performed the work at a later time. Also, you implied that we considered security equipment as a safety related plant system. This was not the case. Violation B specifically identifies that the referenced procedure addresses security equipment, as well as safety related systems. Notwithstanding the above, we found sufficient basis to rescind example 3 from Violation B. No further action is required on example 3. The remaining examples and other enforcement actions remain valid and will be examined during a future inspection of your licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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