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**CLOSURE OF CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER ITEM 4
SALEM GENERATING STATION UNIT NO. 2
DOCKET NO. 50-311**

Ladies/Gentlemen:

By letter dated April 11, 1997 (LR-N970250), Public Service Electric and Gas Company stated that the performance of an operational readiness review, per Item 4 of the NRC Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL), dated June 9, 1995, has been fulfilled for Salem Unit No. 2. The following activities constitute the operational readiness review.

1. Routine self assessment, including third-party assessments and the Salem Integrated Readiness Assessment (SIRA), have been conducted as part of the activities described in the Salem Restart Plan. Department self assessments continue to be performed as a normal business practice.
2. The Restart Action Plans described in the Salem Restart Plan have been implemented. Effectiveness review and approval by the Management Review Committee (MRC) have been completed, with the exception of the Human Performance Restart Action Plan. Final approval of the Human Performance Restart Action Plan will be completed prior to startup.
3. Departmental Readiness Affirmations have been reviewed and approved by the MRC. PSE&G will re-affirm departmental readiness as a part of final preparation for restart.
4. System Readiness Reviews for restart have been reviewed and approved by the MRC. Final system affirmations to support system turnover to Operations are being completed to support the restart schedule.

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5. NRC Technical and Programmatic restart issues, described in the letter from NRC to Leon Eliason, "NRC Restart Action Plan - Revision 2," dated December 26, 1996, have been reviewed and approved by the MRC.

During the course of the Restart Assessment Team Inspection (RATI), we will discuss the outcome and conclusions of these readiness assessment reviews with your representatives, per CAL Item 5.

To assist in the understanding of the scope of our restart efforts, including operational readiness, we have prepared a series of ten Restart Briefing Papers. They are contained in the enclosed document entitled, "Readiness for Restart -- An Overview of Key Initiatives." The papers provide an overview of the nature and extent of important improvement initiatives, their results, and certain measurement criteria and performance indicators by which we monitor progress. While the papers summarize the highlights of restart and improvement initiatives at Salem, details regarding the various efforts are documented and remain available on site for NRC review, as appropriate.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (609) 339-5700.

Sincerely,

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