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SUSTAINING CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT FOR SALEM GENERATING STATION UNIT 1 AND 2 DOCKET NOS. 50-272 & 50-311 AND HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION DOCKET NO. 50-354

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter provides the Commission with an overview of the steps Public Service Electric and Gas has and is taking to sustain continued improvement for the future. We understand the nature and scope of the challenges which lie ahead. We also appreciate the need to demonstrate measurable progress toward our long-term goal of operational excellence. In order to ensure continued progress, we are continually evaluating the effectiveness of our day-to-day performance and our improvement efforts. Where appropriate, we are refining and/or modifying our course of action.

This information is being provided to the Commission as a follow up to the briefing we provided in June 1997.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (609) 339-1100.

Sincerely,

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