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READY TO RESTART SALEM UNIT 1
SALEM GENERATING STATION NO. 1
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES DPR-75
DOCKET NOS. 50-272

Dear Mr. Miller:

On June 9, 1995, the NRC issued a Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) for Salem Units 1 and 2. Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) completed the requirements of the CAL for Salem Unit 2 as described in our letter dated June 27, 1997 (PSE&G Reference: LR-N970399). The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) subsequently modified the CAL in letter dated August 6, 1997 to allow restart of Salem Unit 2. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we have completed the actions addressed in the CAL and request the CAL be modified to allow Salem Unit 1 to restart.

PSE&G has taken actions and provided information concerning the requirements of CAL Items 1, 2, and 3 for both Salem Unit 1and 2. We understand that these three CAL Items are complete and have been accepted by the staff for both Salem Units. Concerning CAL Item 4, we have completed the actions described in the Salem Restart Plan that remained open for Salem Unit 1, with the exception of providing full crew simulator and classroom startup training sessions. This will be completed just prior to Unit 1 entering Mode 2. We have also worked with the NRC staff to close out thirty-five of the thirty-six programmatic and technical issues identified by the staff. The last remaining item, Programmatic Issue 22 "Integrated Tests Program," is being reviewed by your staff, and it is expected to be closed shortly.

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My management team will complete the following Salem Unit 1 operational readiness reviews in accordance with our Salem Restart Plan and station procedures:

1. The Core Configuration Readiness Affirmation will be reviewed and approved by the Management Review Committee (MRC).

2. System Readiness Reviews for restart will be reviewed and approved by the MRC.

3. Departmental Readiness Affirmations will be reviewed and approved by the MRC as a part of final preparation for restart.

4. The Nuclear Business Unit (NBU) Nuclear Review Board, which includes external members, has agreed that Salem Unit 1 is ready for restart.

Concerning CAL item 5, my staff demonstrated to the Restart Assessment Team Inspection (RATI) team our readiness to restart Salem Unit 1 during their two week inspection in February 1998. The RATI team communicated the results of their inspection to me in a public meeting on February 27, 1998, concluding that Salem Unit 1 is ready for restart. In that public meeting, I communicated to you the basis for my conclusion that Salem Unit 1 is ready for restart. The conclusion, that Salem Unit 1 is ready for restart, was also documented in the RATI team report dated March 17, 1998. We will address the items identified in the RATI report including trending of lower level deficiencies and the documentation of engineering evaluations.

Subsequent to the RATI exit, I met with my senior management and performed a final review of our readiness to proceed with the startup of Salem Unit 1. At this meeting my senior management demonstrated to me that, with the items above completed, Salem Unit 1 is ready for startup and entry into Mode 2 on or about April 2, 1998. Based on this determination, I am requesting your agreement that Salem Unit 1 is ready for restart and that the Confirmatory Action Letter of June 9, 1995 be appropriately modified.

If you have any concerns regarding this submittal, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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