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In the Matter of
Portland General Electric Company, et al.
Trojan Nuclear Plant
Docket No. 50-344
(Control Building)

Gentlemen:

In the Licensing Board's Order of December 29, 1979, the Board requested that if, upon resumption of operation at Trojan, the facility is shut down for any reason, the Staff and the Licensee inform the Board of the shutdown and provide information on the reasons therefor.

Today, the NRC's Resident Inspector for Trojan orally informed the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation that the Trojan facility was shut down at about noon on Sunday, January 6, 1980. The shutdown was a result of the loss of vacuum in the "A" condenser located in the Turbine Building. A turbine bearing lubricating oil drain line, which is routed through a part of the "A" condenser, was cracked inside the condenser. Because of the crack, air was drawn through the oil line and escaped into the "A" condenser causing the loss of condenser vacuum. Based on the information available to the Staff, the problem was not seismic-related.

The lubricating oil drain line was repaired on January 7, 1980 and the plant commenced a return to power.

Sincerely,

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cc: Trojan Control Building
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