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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Zion Station Units 1 and 2
Response to IE Inspection Report
Nos. 50-295/79-08 and 50-304/79-09
NRC Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304

Reference (a): May 16, 1979 letter from R. F. Heishman
to Byron Lee, Jr.

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) contained the results of an inspection conducted by Messrs. J. E. Kohler and D. C. Boyd of your office on April 6, 10, 11 and 23-27, 1979 of activities at Zion Station. During this inspection, certain activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements. Reference (a) also requested Commonwealth Edison Company to include plans for augmenting surveillance in the auxiliary electrical area to ensure that all ESF buses are properly aligned, especially since this was the second item of noncompliance so far this year in the auxiliary electrical area. Attachment A to this letter contains Commonwealth Edison's response to the item of noncompliance, including plans for augmenting surveillance in the auxiliary electrical area.

Please address any questions that you might have to this office.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Vice-President

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ATTACHMENT A

Contrary to Technical Specification 3.15.2.c, on March 12, 1979, with the 1B diesel generator out of service, the cross tie breaker from Unit 2 auxiliary transformer to Unit 1 ESF buses was taken out of service, thereby making reserve offsite power unavailable for Unit 1.

Corrective Action taken and the Results Achieved:

As noted in the inspection report, this item had been reported by the licensee as Licensee Event Report 50-295/79-16. Corrective action consisted of reinstruction of shift personnel as well as a change to Periodic Test Procedure PT-14, "Inoperable and Required Redundant Equipment Surveillance." The procedure change adds three reviews in addition to that presently performed by the licensed Shift Engineer. The licensed Unit Nuclear Station Operator and licensed Shift Foreman now also review the applicable Technical Specification sections and sign the PT-14 surveillance logsheet. Following these reviews, the licensed Operating Engineer is notified, thus providing a third additional review.

Corrective Action to be taken to Avoid Further Noncompliance:

To further insure that Technical Specification 3.15, Auxiliary Electric Power System, is not violated, the licensee has reviewed the current surveillance procedures for this area and is in the process of consolidating the surveillances to more clearly address all the requirements of Section 3.15.

At present, the routine surveillances on the auxiliary electric power system are recorded on several documents. Consolidating these separate requirements into one surveillance procedure will clarify the status of the total auxiliary electric power system to the shift operators and further insure that all essential service features bases are aligned to their proper power sources.

Date of Full Compliance:

The licensse is in compliance at the present time. The revised surveillance procedure discussed above is being formulated and will be implemented by July 1, 1979.