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

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Staff's commitment to provide weekly reports on the status of resolution of open tiems and completion of the Staff's Safety Evaluation Report in the referenced proceeding, this constitutes such report for the week ending October 26, 1979.

During the past week, the Staff's review of the proposed modifications has continued, particularly with regard to the limited new, though preliminary, information presented by the Licensee at the meetings which took place in Bethesda on October 18 and 19, 1979. Staff Plant Systems Branch reviewers responsible for the evaluation of the effects of the proposed modifications on safety-related systems and plant operation have been evaluating such preliminary new information and are in the process of revising preliminary draft sections of the SER in the area of plate installation and construction-generated dust to reflect this new information and the evaluation of it. In other areas, Staff review of previously submitted information, analyses and methodologies has continued pending submittal by the Licensee of information in response to the Staff questions of September 14, 20 and 28 and October 2, 1979.

Today, certain Staff reviewers who are involved in the structural evaluation of the proposed Control Building modifications met with Licensee and Bechtel personnel concerning a problem wherein certain thin block walls (non-shear walls) are inadequate to resist the earthquake-generated reaction forces from

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equipment or piping attached to such walls. While the Staff has not yet determined whether this problem is related to the instant proceeding, information on the problem will be forwarded to the Licensing Board and parties by separate correspondence in any event.

Sincerely,

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