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December. 16, 1976

Arkansas Power and Light Company ATTN: Mr. J. D. Phillips Senior Vice President Sixth and Pine Streets Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601 Docket No. 50-313

Gentlemen:

This refers to the investigation conducted by Mr. R. J. Everett of this office, on December 6, 1976, of the activities authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-51, and to the discussion of the findings held by Mr. Everett with Messrs. J. W. Anderson and C. H. Halbert at the conclusion of the investigation, and with Mr. J. W. Anderson in a subsequent telephone call of December 13, 1976.

Areas examined during the investigation and our findings are discussed in the enclosed investigation report. Within these areas, the investigation consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Since the investigation findings point to an apparent violation of Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations during an interstate shipment of radioactive material, the investigation report will be forwarded to DOT for their disposition.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed investigation report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure.

Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons it is claimed that the information is proprietary. It should be prepared so that proprietary information identified is contained in a separate part of the document, since the application, excluding this separate part, will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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