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Louisiana Power & Light Company  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. W. F. Smith and T. R. Staker of this office during the period September 21-29, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-38 for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. R. McGaha and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The area examined during this inspection was main steam safety valve testing. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements which resulted in consequences of potential safety significance. As discussed in our telephone conversation of October 6, 1989, with your staff, we have scheduled an enforcement conference in our Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, on October 24, 1989. During this conference, you will be given an opportunity to discuss your understanding of these apparent violations, and to explain the circumstances surrounding the main steam safety valve testing problems which occurred on September 21, 1989. We will also want to discuss your planned corrective actions.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: (see next page)

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