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Docket No. 50-354

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
ATTN: Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger
Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM EVALUATION AND BWR POWER OSCILLATION
INSPECTION, REPORT NO. 50-354/89-12 (OL)

During the week of June 19, 1989, the NRC conducted a requalification program evaluation at the Hope Creek Generating Station. The evaluation was conducted in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards," Rev. 5, section ES-601, "Administration of NRC Requalification Program Evaluations." The evaluation had two purposes: (1) to evaluate individual licensed operator competency; and (2) to evaluate the effectiveness of the licensed operator training program. At the conclusion of the evaluation, findings related to the preparation and administration of the requalification examinations were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

As a result of this evaluation, the Hope Creek requalification program has been determined to be satisfactory. The three crews that participated in the examinations performed satisfactorily on the simulator portion of the examination. Based on NRC grading, all four reactor operators examined passed all portions of the examination. One senior reactor operator failed the simulator evaluation and one senior reactor operator failed the written examination. The remaining eight senior reactor operators that were examined passed all portions of the examination. You are expected to complete remedial training for the two senior reactor operators that did not pass the examination as graded by the NRC.

Quality control was determined to be a weakness in the Hope Creek requalification training program. Examples of a lack of attention to detail were identified in examination preparation, administration and grading. Your attention is directed to section 7 of the enclosed report which summarizes the NRC identified weaknesses. We request that you respond, in writing, within 30 days of the receipt of this letter identifying actions taken or planned to address the weakness in quality control for 1) examination preparation; and 2) examination grading and analysis of results.

Also during the week of June 19, 1989, an inspection was conducted to evaluate the implementation of NRC Bulletin 88-07 and Supplement 1, BWR Power Oscillations. The results of the inspection were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response requested by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. Law No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. R. Conte, Chief, BWR Section, at (215) 337-5210.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Enclosure: Requalification Program Evaluation and BWR Power Oscillation
Inspection, Combined Report No. 50-354/89-12 (OL)

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