Docket No. 50-293

Boston Edison Company ATTN: Mr. Ralph G. Bird Senior Vice President-Nuclear Rocky Hill Road Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-293/89-08

This refers to the inspection conducted by the NRC Restart Staff from July 11 through August 21, 1989 at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter.

The Restart Staff, through extended shift inspections and routine program inspections, observed management controls and conduct of operations at the 50% power plateau of the licensee's Power Ascension Test Program, as well as ascension to 75% power. Based on these reviews, the Restart Staff determined that additional licensee management attention is warranted in procedural adequacy and procedural compliance. These issues were involved in air ejector problems that led to a manual reactor scram on July 18, 1989 and in the condensate system suction strainer damage on August 2, 1989.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Samuel J. Collins, Deputy Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-293/89-08 w/attachments

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