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Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region 1
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

SPOOL WELD BUILDUP INSUFFICIENT EXAMINATION
10CFR50.55(e), POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY
NC. 1 AND 2 UNITS
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

On October 10, 1980, a verbal report was made to Region 1, Office of Inspection and Enforcement representative, Mr. J. Mattia, advising of a potential significant item. Weld buildups on pipe spools were determined to be not sufficiently examined. Corrective measures committed to reexamine six pipes by conventional methods cannot be done due to inaccessibility. Two are embedded in concrete (JE-12 inch diesel fuel tank vent lines) and four buried and backfilled outside Unit No. 1 (EA-36 inch service water lines).

The following supplemental information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR50.55(e).

Bechtel Power Corporation, PSE&G's Architect Engineer, is currently reviewing this concern to determine a course of action which will be followed to show the acceptability of these six buildups.

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Determination of reportability per requirements of 10CFR 50.55(e) is being assessed and is scheduled for completion December 12, 1980, at which time a report will be made to the NRC.

Very truly yours,

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