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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

January 16, 1981

Docket No. 50-293



Mr. Thomas G. Dignan, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Dignan:

We have reviewed the Boston Edison Company December 4, 1980 request for a hearing regarding the October 24, 1980 "Order for Modification of License" concerning the Environmental Qualification of Safety Related Electrical Equipment for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1. As you will recall, representatives of the Boston Edison Company were among a group of licensee representatives with whom the Staff met on December 18, 1980 to discuss the above-mentioned Order. As a result of the discussion at that meeting, it is our understanding that your hearing request was filed to enable you to review the upcoming safety evaluation related to equipment qualification for your facility while preserving your ability to seek a hearing regarding issues raised by that evaluation. If our understanding of your intent is correct, I intend to hold your hearing request in abeyance until 30 days after the issuance of the safety evaluation for your facility. At that time, you will be required to advise me whether you still wish to pursue your hearing request and, if so, what issues raised by the October 24, 1980 Order and the safety evaluation you wish to raise.

Please advise me, in writing, on or before January 30, 1981 whether the procedure outlined above is acceptable to you. A copy of your response to this letter should be sent to Stephen Sohinki in the Office of the Executive Legal Director.

Sincerely,

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