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Reference: Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1  
Docket No. 50-334, License No. DPR-66  
Immediate Action Letter 81-16

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your letter dated May 7, 1981, this is to inform you that planned action items 1 and 2 will not be accomplished during the scheduled outage that was to occur in May, 1981.

As you are aware, we agreed to shut down Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 1 during May, 1981 to complete certain modifications to the pressurizer code safety valve discharge line supports. Duquesne Light Company letter to the NRC dated May 6, 1981 cited the importance of continued operation of Beaver Valley during the national coal strike and requested that the requirement to modify the supports on the pressurizer code safety valve discharge line be deferred until the second refueling. By letter dated May 12, 1981, the NRC granted this deferral and Duquesne Light Company cancelled the scheduled May, 1981 outage. Since the national coal strike has not yet been settled, continued operation of Beaver Valley continues to be of great importance to reliable and economical supply of electric energy to our customers.

On April 7, 1981, we indicated to the Senior Resident Inspector that modifications described in action items 1 and 2 of your letter dated May 7, 1981 would be completed at the next scheduled outage at which the plant could be brought to the proper configuration to perform the modifications provided that vendors had delivered necessary hardware. The next outage scheduled at that time was the outage scheduled to commence May 15, 1981.

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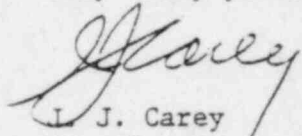
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The basis for continued operation prior to installing the modifications mentioned in your May 7, 1981 letter remains unchanged from that contained in our letter of April 6, 1981. This letter presented an evaluation that was conducted of all valves with reach rod operators used in safety related or RWD applications. We determined that none of the deficiencies that were found to exist in the course of the evaluation had any safety significance. Further, we determined that none of the incidents in which the 3 and 6 inch Velan check valves failed to properly seat has ever had any adverse effect on the safety of the public. Additionally, those valves installed in the Event V configuration (WASH-1400) are tested in accordance with the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1 Technical Specifications to assure the valves are properly seated during all periods when the plant is operating.

We believe that the additional actions that have been taken and are described in our April 6, 1981 letter will effectively prevent recurrence of the incident. Delaying the installation of the proposed modifications until the second refueling outage does not present an undue risk to public health and safety.

Very truly yours,



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