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Docket No. 50-373

Commonwealth Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated September 21, 1981, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the noncompliance which we brought to your attention in Inspection Report No.50-373/81-20 forwarded by our letter dated August 21, 1981. We will examine these matters during a subsequent inspection.

As stated in our letter of August 21, 1981, the NRC's Safety Evaluation Report for the La Salle County Station is based on a review and evaluation of the design, testing and operation stated in the FSAR. During our inspection program we identify items as either violations, unresolved, or open items. Normally, items about which more information is required in order to determine whether they are acceptable or not, are identified as unresolved, however, our identification of any item as an "open item" does not preclude us from later determining that they are violations of NRC regulations.

With regards to Item 1.a. of our letter, the design of the diesel generators did not agree with the description of your test program as stated in Table 14.2-38 of the FSAR nor with Regulatory Guide 1.108 requirement C.2.a(8). It is our conclusion that your understanding of the purpose for a second level of undervoltage protection was not correct. This item was also discussed with the NRR reviewer who concurs with our conclusion. In addition we are aware that your site personnel had submitted a design change request to comply with the FSAR requirement and that the request had been denied by your Corporate Engineering Department. Therefore, no mechanism existed to assure that the required modifications would take place prior to fuel loading. Based on the foregoing, our conclusion that this is an item of noncompliance remains unchanged.

With respect to Item 2.a of our letter regarding preoperational tests PT-DO-101 and 201 our inspector brought these findings to the attention of the responsible test engineer and the assistant superintendent responsible

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for the test program; they did not indicate any knowledge of the problem. This is not compatible with your contention that this problem was being evaluated for resolution prior to the subject inspection. A review of the four outstanding deficiency reports (No. 495 for DO-101 and Nos. 1, 3, and 16 for DO-201) regarding the diesel fuel oil systems did not reference the subject problem and therefore did not indicate any prior knowledge or corrective action in progress. The test results evaluation and the engineering and management reviews for both tests also failed to document any outstanding items covering this concern. Therefore, the item of noncompliance stands as written.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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