ISHAM LINCOLN & BEALE COUNSELORS AT LAW . IAN 11 ATT :55 ONE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA FORTY-SECOND FLOOR CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603 TELEPHONE 312-558-7500 TELEX: 2-5288 WASHINGTON OFFICE 1120 CONNECTICUT AVENUE N. W. January 6, 1982 SUITE 325 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036 202-833-9730 Marshall E. Miller, Esq., Chairman Dr. A. Dixon Callihan Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Union Carbide Corporation Panel P. O. Box Y U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Oak Ridge, Tenrasseco Washington, D.C. 20555 Dr. Richard F. Cole Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: In the Matter of Commonwealth Edison Compa (Byron Station, Units 1 and 2) Docket No. 50-454 & 50-455

Dear Administrative Judges:

Recently, Commonwealth Edison Company announced a change to the projected commencement of commercial operation dates for Byron Station Units 1 and 2. The date for Byron Unit 1 has been extended from October, 1983 to February, 1984, and for Byron Unit 2 from October, 1984 to February, 1985. The scheduled fuel load dates for the Byron Units remain unchanged; April, 1983 for Unit 1 and April, 1984 for Unit 2.

Of course, there can never be absolute certainty that construction or preoperational testing will be completed on schedule. At this time, the Company believes that the Byron facility will be completed and ready for fuel loading as currently projected. However, the Company has also developed contingency plans in the event it becomes necessary to extend the fuel load dates. The Company presently anticipates being in a position to determine whether such an extension will be necessary sometime in the spring of 1982. If there

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are any further changes to either the projected dates for fuel loading or commencement of commercial operation, we will keep the Board advised of such developments.

Respectfully,

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