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Mr. James G. Keppler  
Director, Region III  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
199 Roosevelt Road  
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Dear Mr. Keppler:

Deficiency 81-05  
10 CFR 50.55(e)  
Minimum Separation Requirements for Certain  
Components of the 4160V Switchgear

On October 2, 1981, Illinois Power verbally notified Mr. H. M. Wescott, NRC Region III, of a potential reportable deficiency per 10 CFR 50.55(e) concerning minimum separation requirements for certain components of the 4160V switchgear. This initial notification was followed by an interim report per 10 CFR 50.55(e)(3) (Ref. U-0326, dtd. 11/6/81).

Our investigation of this matter has not been completed, and this letter is an additional report to provide an update on our investigation. A detailed analysis of the significance of the deficiency and the number of areas involved is presently ongoing. The A/E and contractor are evaluating the program covering this potential deficiency and will be providing Illinois Power with additional information on this matter.

We anticipate that we will need an extension of approximately 90 days to complete our investigation of this potential deficiency, the determination of reportability, and the filing of the final report.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Gerstner  
Executive Vice President

cc: H. H. Livermore, NRC Resident Inspector  
Director, Office of I&E, Washington, D. C.  
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