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Docket No. 50-295

Docket No. 50-304

Commonwealth Edison Company

ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed

Vice President

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. J. R. Waters, K. A. Connaughton, J. K. Heller and J. M. Peschel of this office on May 15 through July 16, 1982, of activities at Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-39 and No. DPR-48 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. K. L. Graesser at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required.

The item described in the attached Notice of Violation, involving startup of the Unit 2 reactor with an emergency diesel generator out of service, is classified as a Severity Level IV violation. As indicated in Supplement I of the NRC Enforcement Policy, a significant violation of this type is normally classified as Severity Level III. However, after careful consideration of the factors involved in this specific instance, including the fact that the impact on the health and safety of the public was minimal and remote since repairs had been completed to the diesel generator except for adding oil and testing to verify operability. We agree that the Technical Specification requirements as to inadvertant trip and trip recovery are not well defined and could be misinterpreted; however, this fact does not relieve you of any future responsibility. For these reasons, we have exercised our judgement under the NRC Enforcement Policy and have classified this violation as Severity Level IV. Similar violations of this type in the future may result in additional enforcement action.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractors) believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within ten (10) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed such that less than seven (7) days are available for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with Section 2.790(b)(1), any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons which are the bases for the claim that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



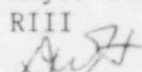
R. L. Spessard, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports
No. 50-295/82-14(DPRP) and
No. 50-304/82-13(DPRP)

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