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Docket No. 50-443

Public Service Company of New Hampshire
ATTN: Mr. W. C. Tallman
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
1000 Elm Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-443/82-06

This refers to the special construction assessment team safety inspection conducted by J. Durr and others of this office on June 21 - July 2, 1982 at Seabrook Station, Seabrook, New Hampshire, and at the corporate offices at Framingham, Massachusetts, of activities authorized by NRC License No. CPPR-135 and to the discussions of our findings held by J. Durr with D. N. Merrill at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. Physical measurements were made by the Mobile Nondestructive Examination Van to confirm the adequacy of the nondestructive examination program.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the NRC Enforcement policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (47 FR 9987) dated March 9, 1982. You are required to respond to this letter; and, in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In addition to the apparent items of noncompliance discussed above in Appendix A, "Notice of Violation", findings of this inspection also indicate that a significant weakness exists in your design and construction program. This area is discussed in Appendix B, Significant Observations.

You are requested to inform this office within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter of the results of actions you have taken or plan to take to improve your design and construction program in the area of the significant weaknesses identified in Appendix B.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: *S. D. Ebner for*

Thomas T. Martin, Director
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Enclosures:

Appendix A, Notice of Violation
Appendix B, Significant Observations
NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-443/82-06

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