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Docket Nos. 50-272
50-311

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Combined Inspection 50-272/82-33, 50-311/82-31

This refers to the routine resident safety inspection by Messrs. L. Norrholm and R. Summers on November 9 - December 21, 1982 at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Hancock's Bridge, New Jersey. The inspection consisted of document reviews, interviews and observation of activities.

An apparent violation of NRC requirements involving the inoperability of the particulate, iodine and gaseous monitors during periods the monitors were aligned in the "plant vent" mode between April 5 - October 16, 1982 is identified in the enclosed inspection report. These monitors are required by technical specifications to be operable in the "plant vent" mode to provide automatic isolation of the containment purge and pressure vacuum relief paths in the event of a high radiation level in the vent. Inoperability of the isolation function of these monitors was due to a capped suction line which prevented the monitors from sensing the radiation level in these containment vent paths. The suction line was apparently capped as a result of inadequate control of a design modification to the radiation monitoring system in that the procedures covering the modifications were not adequate to return the system to an operable condition, nor were adequate testing requirements stated. This appears to be a violation of a Technical Specification Limiting Condition for operation and we are considering further action in this matter. You will be advised separately of our decision of this issue.

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

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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.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident
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Enclosure: NRC Region I Combined Reports 50-272/82-33, 50-311/82-31

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