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Docket No. 50-249

Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
Vice President
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. T. M. Tongue of this office during the period May 4 through June 24, 1983, of activities at Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-25 and to the discussion of our findings with you and members of your staff on June 20, 1983 and with Mr. D. Scott on June 24, 1983.

The enclosed inspection report identifies the areas examined during the inspection. Specifically, these were the events related to the removal or exchange of snubbers on safety related systems. It also summarizes the enforcement meeting held on June 20, 1983, at the NRC Region III office in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

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.

As you know, we considered whether escalated enforcement action was appropriate for this matter. Based on our evaluation of the safety significance and the isolated nature of this event, we conclude that escalated enforcement is not warranted. We are concerned, however, that coordination between construction and operations personnel was not timely, in this instance, to assure that modifications which affected safety systems were adequately controlled. Please respond to this concern as part of your response to the Notice of Violation.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure(s) 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). If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosure(s), and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W. D. Shafer"

C. E. Norelius, Director
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Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix, Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report No. 50-249/83-12(DPRP)

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