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Public Service Electric and Gas Company
ATTN: Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger
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Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

Subject: Motor-Operated Valve Inspection at Hope Creek Generating Power Station (NRC
Inspection Report No. 50-354/91-80)

This letter refers to the NRC team inspection conducted on July 15-19, 1991 at the Hope Creek Generating Station to evaluate the adequacy of your actions to assure the reliability of motor operated valves (MOV). Specifically, our inspectors reviewed the programs being developed in response to NRC Generic Letter 89-10, "Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance," and the evaluations for the capability of the HPCI, RCIC and RWCU systems containment isolation valves. The results of this inspection, as detailed in the enclosed report were discussed with Mr. S. LaBruna and other members of your staff on July 19, 1991.

Based on the results of this inspection, three apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1991). The apparent violations of the applicable NRC requirements are as follows: (1) Modification of MOV torque switches (example; RCIC FCV-001 on 10/24/89 and FCV-002 on 10/27/89) without safety evaluations as required by 10 CFR 50.59, (2) Failure to review, evaluate and incorporate certain vendor information (Limitorque Maintenance Updates 89-01, Maximum Torque Switch settings, and 90-01, Hydraulic Lock) which provided information for the maintenance of safety-related MOVs (10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V), and (3) Providing inaccurate and incomplete information to the NRC in Licensee letter NLR-N91043, dated March 8, 1991 contrary to 10 CFR 50.9. It also appears that the failure to establish an MOV program description by January 1, 1991, as committed in your letter dated August 31, 1990 to the NRC is a deviation. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

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At the July 19, 1991 meeting, your staff acknowledged the inspection findings and agreed to revise your response to Generic Letter 89-10, Supplement 3, and review the other identified areas requiring improvements for resolution. In a subsequent telephone conversation on July 22, 1991, Mr. F. Thomson and other members of your staff stated that the company plans to: (1) Revise the GL 89-10, Supplement 3 submittal by September 30, 1991; (2) Update LER No. 90-029 to reflect failure of HPCI valve F001 in 1990; and (3) Perform safety evaluations for safety-related valves with torque switches set above the vendor's specified maximum. The inspection was completed on August 13, 1991, with a review of the status of your actions to address the concerns identified during this inspection.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for August 23, 1991. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the enforcement policy. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding these apparent violations is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Marvin W. Hodges, Director
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Enclosure: Inspection Report 50-354/91-80

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