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May 30, 1984

NUCLEAR PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Unit 1
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-13
File 0260/L-560.0
Response to May 22, 1984
Commission Order on
Diesel Generator
Inspection
AECM-84/0304

The Commission issued its order, dated May 22, 1984, to Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) regarding the inspection and testing of one of the standby diesel generators installed at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS). Included with this order were revised interim Technical Specifications, issued in support of the diesel generator inspection. By this letter MP&L acknowledges receipt of the subject Commission Order.

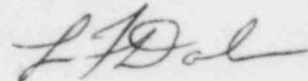
The disassembly of the Division 1 standby diesel generator has commenced and a number of inspections have been accomplished. MP&L recommends and requests that your staff visit GGNS and witness the disassembly and inspection while in progress. Similar activities such as inspections of the crankshaft, pistons, and connection rod bearings, were conducted on both standby diesel generators in December, 1983 and January, 1984. In view of the proceedings of the past months as our staffs have discussed concerns regarding diesel reliability, MP&L considers that information exchange is more efficient with both parties having first hand knowledge of the conditions of the engine's internal parts. We, therefore, conclude that during this period while the Division 1 diesel generator is disassembled it is both timely and appropriate that your staff join us during the conduct of these inspections.

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Based on the inspection progress made thus far and the availability of key personnel, we recommend your staff commence your inspection at our site on Monday, June 4, 1984. For more detail on the inspection schedule and to confirm the exact date and time of your visit to GGNS, please contact this office.

Yours truly,



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Director, Nuclear Licensing &
Safety

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