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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NO. 50-416/83-38

We have received your responses of October 31 and November 4, 1983, and your supplemental response of December 8, 1983, to our Notice of Violation issued on September 30, 1983 concerning activities conducted under NRC Operating License NPF-13. We have evaluated your responses and we make the following observations:

Violation 83-38-10 was cited for an NRC inspector finding fire doors blocked open without the knowledge of the Shift Supervisor or Shift Superintendent and hence no fire watch was posted. Your Technical Specification 3.7.7 requires, as a Limiting Condition for Operation, that each fire door separating safety related fire areas or portions of redundant systems important to safe shutdown within a fire area, be operable at all times. To be operable, an unlocked fire door must be closed. Blocking one of these doors open places the plant in a Technical Specification Action Statement and plant supervision must be aware, before the fact, that the door is to be blocked open, in order to establish the required compensatory fire watch. Your response states that you will inform plant personnel that it is their responsibility to notify the Shift Superintendent when blocking or removing a fire barrier and it is MP&L's philosophy that the activities stated be performed prior to the fire barriers being blocked open or removed.

We find this corrective action insufficient. It is our position that clear effective administrative controls shall be established to ensure that Technical Specification Limiting Conditions for Operation are met. In the case of fire doors, MP&L has not done this. Accordingly, please provide a supplemental response to this violation within 30 days of your receipt of this letter stating how MP&L intends to establish effective administrative controls to meet your Technical Specifications on fire doors.

With regard to violation 83-38-13, we erroneously cited PQDR 00051-81 rather than 00055-81 as being delinquent. We understand that 00055-81 has been closed and we will examine the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections. We will similarly review the effectiveness of your corrective actions with respect to violations 83-38-12 and 83-38-14 during future inspections.

The subject inspection was a special team inspection to evaluate the operational readiness of Grand Gulf prior to recriticality. In addition to four violations cited, two unresolved items and twelve Inspector Followup Items were documented

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in that report. The Inspector Followup Items were matters which we feel you should take action on to enhance the operational capability of the Grand Gulf facility. To assure operational readiness, it appears that each of these issues must be adequately addressed and resolved prior to the start of power operations. During our subsequent inspections we find that action has been taken on some issues but some have apparently received no consideration by MP&L. We wish to call your attention to the need for progress in this area.

Sincerely,

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