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Docket/License: 50-272/DPR-70, 50-311/DPR-75

Public Service Electric and Gas Company
ATTN: Mr. Richard A. Uderitz
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P. O. Box 236
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Combined Inspection 50-272/84-15 and 50-311/84-15

This refers to the routine resident safety inspection by Messrs. J. Linville and R. Summers on April 12 - May 8, 1984 and region based inspector followup on the April 6, 1984 feedwater hammer event at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Hancock's Bridge, New Jersey. The inspection consisted of document reviews, interviews, and observations of activities. The findings were discussed with Mr. J. M. Zupko of your staff.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. We are concerned that some of these violations appear to indicate that corrective actions taken to prevent the type of problems identified following last year's ATWS events have been ineffective. These include a failure to thoroughly review reactor trip events and incorrect classification of safety related maintenance activities. Over the last several months we have also noted an apparent lack of thoroughness in your management corrective action program as indicated by the need for frequent revisions to responses for notices of violation and as further indicated by the additional violation in this report for inadequate corrective action reported in a licensee event report. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A. In addition, with respect to our comments above, you should include in the response your analysis of why these problems continue to occur. You should also include your views on how your action plan is addressing these problems and whether changes are necessary to insure both short and long term resolution.

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 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.

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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.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident
Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Combined Report 50-272/84-15 and 50-311/84-15

cc w/encls:

- R. L. Mittl, General Manager - Nuclear Assurance and Regulation
- J. M. Zupko, Jr., General Manager - Salem Operations
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- Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
- NRC Resident Inspector
- State of New Jersey
- J. H. Rodriguez, Public Advocate of the State of New Jersey
- The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

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- Region I Docket Room (with concurrences)
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