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Mr. William L. Axelson, Director Division of Reactor Projects U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 801 Warrenville Road Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

Subject:

Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance for Clinton Power Station

Dear Mr. Axelson:

The NRC has been conducting the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) for Clinton Power Station (CPS) on an 18-month periodicity. In the past, the SALP period has been in close alignment with CPS refueling cycle creating an impact on resources of both the agency and the licensee.

Disconnecting the SALP from the refueling outage will significantly improve the application of available resources for both the NRC and CPS and, at the same time, improve the level of support and communication available to inspectors during the final portion of the SALP period. Recent discussions with NRC Region III staff have indicated that the SALP 14 period end date has been rescheduled to an end date of March 29, 1997.

Illinois Power appreciates the practicality of the SALP 14 scheduling decision. We find this decision to be consistent with the continually improving level of performance as recognized in the most recent SALP report.

Sincerely yours,

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