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License No. NPF-1
EA 91-181

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Portland General Electric Company
212 S. W. Salmon Street
Portland, Oregon 97204

Attention: Mr. J. E. Cross
Vice President, Nuclear

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-344/91-34

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R. C. Barr, Mr. J. F. Melfi, and Mr. D. Coe of this office on September 15, 1991 through November 25, 1991, of activities authorized by NRC License No. NPF-1, and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Barr and Mr. Melfi with Mr. Robinson and other members of your staff periodically during the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, four 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 2, Appendix C, (1991). The four apparent violations are summarized as follows. First, PGE did not periodically inspect certain safety-related pressure safety valves (PSVs), or take other actions to ensure that PSVs are properly adjusted, resulting in a number of PSVs being found incorrectly set. Second, the NRC previously brought this deficiency to your attention in NRC inspection report 50-344/87-31, however, corrective actions apparently did not correct the deficiency. Third, PGE appeared to be in noncompliance with inservice testing requirements because the PSVs that were tested did not have their control ring settings verified or returned to original settings. Fourth, PGE did not make a timely 10 CFR 50.72 notification when craftsmen found that component cooling water (CCW) system PSVs were incorrectly adjusted. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for the 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 NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for January 7, 1992. The purposes of this conference are to

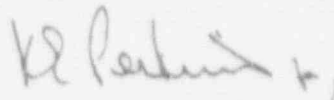
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to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss 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,



R. P. Zimmerman, Director
Division of Reactor Safety and Projects

Enclosure:
Inspection Report No. 50-344/91-34

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