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Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Written Confirmation of Implementation of
Plant Modification for Compliance with the
Station Blackout Rule (10CFR50.63)

Dear Sir or Madam:

By letter dated October 29, 1992 the NRC staff issued its supplemental safety evaluation of Illinois Power Company's (IP's) response to the Station Blackout (SBO) Rule. The supplemental safety evaluation addressed a number of issues and evaluations that were, at that time, identified as open or unresolved. One of the open items was IP's commitment to implement a plant modification in which portable fans would be procured and made available for use in the main control room to provide forced ventilation and thus prevent control room temperatures from exceeding the design limit during a station blackout. In the cover letter to the supplemental safety evaluation, the NRC staff specifically acknowledged IP's commitment to complete the plant modification by May 29, 1994. Further, the NRC staff requested IP "to provide the staff with written confirmation of the implementation of . . . the design modification . . ."

All of the open items addressed in the NRC's safety evaluation and the supplemental safety evaluation have now been closed. The plant modification for providing additional control room ventilation was completed and released for operations on May 25, 1994. However, it was recently identified that, although the NRC resident inspectors and the NRC Licensing Project Manager were informed of the completion of the plant modification, IP did not provide written confirmation of the implementation of the design modification as requested in the NRC staff's letter identified above. This situation was discussed with the NRC Licensing Project Manager on November 29, 1995.

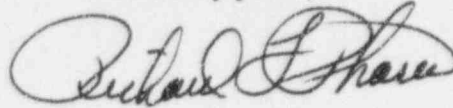
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Based on that discussion, and in accordance with the NRC staff's October 29, 1992 letter, IP is submitting this letter to provide written confirmation that the above-noted design modification was completed prior to May 29, 1994 pursuant to IP's commitment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard F. Phares".

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