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Docket Nos. 50-338, 50-339
License Nos. NPF-4, NPF-7

Virginia Electric and Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-338/92-04 AND 50-339/92-04)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by Mr. M. Lesser of this office on February 16, 1992 - March 21, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your North Anna facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

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 observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned about these violations because they involve your failure to perform testing on reactor coolant pump bus under voltage and underfrequency relays as required by Technical Specifications. Furthermore, these latest failures are indicative of a recurring problem in relay testing and weak interface between your Control Operations and Nuclear Operations divisions.

The violations described in the enclosed Notice are similar to a violation contained in the Notice sent to you by our letter dated December 18, 1991. Recurring violations are of particular concern because the NRC expects licensees to learn from their past failures and to take effective corrective actions. Although the NRC does not normally consider monetary civil penalties for Severity Level IV violations, the Enforcement Policy states that such penalties may be imposed for Severity Level IV violations that are similar to previous violations for which the licensee did not take effective corrective action. We have decided not to hold an enforcement conference or propose a civil penalty for these violations because although surveillances were either missed or inadequately performed, followup testing verified the channels to be operable. However, the NRC will continue to closely monitor your performance in this area. In your response to the enclosed Notice, you should document the specific corrective actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. We will review your response, including your proposed

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corrective actions, and the results of future followup inspections to determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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