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Mr. J. D. Sieber
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Dear Mr. Sieber:

SUBJECT: Engineering and Technical Support Inspection of Beaver Valley 1&2,
Combined Report Nos. 50-334/92-07 and 50-412/92-05

This letter transmits the report of the inspection conducted by Mr. C. H. Woodard from March 16-27, 1992, at the Beaver Valley Power Station, Units 1 and 2 in Shippingport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Woodard discussed the findings of the inspection with senior staff members of Duquesne Light Company, on March 27, 1992.

The purpose of the inspection was to assess the adequacy of the engineering and technical support provided for the operation of the Beaver Valley Power Station. Within these areas, the inspection focused on issues important to public health and safety, and consisted of selective examinations of relevant planning, programs, procedures and representative records, plant design changes, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. It also included examination of the conduct and effectiveness of self evaluation audits in identifying problem areas and in pursuing their resolution. Areas examined during this inspection are discussed in the enclosed inspection report.

The inspector concluded that overall engineering and technical support to the plant is very good quality and is adequate to support plant operations. Both the corporate and station short and long range planning documents reflect a continuing high level of support. However, there is a disparity in the planning and prioritizing of work and the availability of manpower to accomplish the work. As a consequence, there is a sizeable, persistent backlog of high priority overdue engineering work items. Self evaluation audits of engineering were found to be extensive, comprehensive, and in-depth with many meaningful findings that were reported directly to upper management and included required response/correction dates. These findings and their correction have provided some significant improvements in the engineering design control program.

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No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: NRC Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-334/92-07 and 50-412/92-05

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