January 26, 1996

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SUBJECT: NRC Region I Inspection Report Nos. 50-317/95-10 and 50-318/95-10

Dear Mr. Denton:

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This report transmits the findings of the safety inspection conducted by NRC inspectors at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant from November 5, 1995 to December 30, 1995. At the conclusion of the inspection, these findings were discussed with Mr. Cruse of your staff.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter and were selected in order to ensure that your facility is operated with due regard for the public health and safety. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. Overall, the NRC has concluded that your facility was operated in a safe manner.

Equipment failures forced operators to manually trip Unit 1 in anticipation of automatic protection system action on two occasions this period. Both trips were managed safely by the operators; however, they were unnecessarily challenged by a number of equipment problems that occurred following the first trip. These trips and subsequent equipment problems substantiate the priority that BGE has put on improving equipment performance as part of your overall trip prevention effort, and they indicate that continued emphasis in this area is required for your success.

NRC review of your nuclear engineering department activities in the areas of: 1) temporary alterations; 2) communications; 3) engineering backlog; and 4) management oversight and self-assessment concluded that these activities were effectively performed and managed.

We also reviewed your licensed operator requalification training (LORT) program and identified some weaknesses, including two unresolved items concerning attendance at LORT and individual evaluations on the dynamic simulator annual exams, which warrant management attention.

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Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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