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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Commonwealth Edison Company (EA 95-241)
Quad Cities Station
Docket Nos. 50-254, 265

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that the staff intends to issue a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 to the Commonwealth Edison Company on or about January 2, 1996. The action is based on the licensee's failure to promptly correct the potential for safety-related motor control centers (MCCs) to trip on current overload. The licensee had received prior notice from both internal licensee and NRC sources that the addition of plant loads over time had the potential to impact MCC operability. Nonetheless, one Quad Cities safety-related MCC became deenergized when its supply breaker tripped on overload during normal operation. Additionally, several other MCCs were found to have maximum load currents in excess of their supply breakers low end tolerance. In this case, the licensee was not given credit for identification of the problem because the NRC identified the corrective action problem. Because the licensee's corrective actions were prompt and comprehensive, credit was warranted for corrective action, resulting in the civil penalty being at the base amount of \$50,000.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice January 2, 1996
Telephone Notification of Licensee January 2, 1996

The State of Illinois will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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