Docket No. 50-443

Public Service Company of New Hampshire ATTN: Mr. Robert J. Harrison President and Chief Executive Officer P.O. Box 330 Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Gentlemen:

Subject: Construction Appraisal Team Inspection 50-443/84-07

This refers to the NRC Construction Appraisal Team (CAT) inspection conducted by the Office of Inspection and Enforcement (IE) on April 23 - May 4, 1984 and May 14-25, 1984 at the Seabrook Station in Seabrook, New Hampshire. The inspection covered construction activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-135.

The CAT Inspection Report No. 50-443/84-07 was sent to you as an enclosure to a letter from the Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement dated July 18, 1984. In that letter Mr. DeYoung stated the need for your utmost attention to correct the deficiencies which have resulted from an ineffective management of interfaces. We not only concur with that position, but also point out that our most recent Systematic Assessments of Licensee Performance (SALP) for Seabrook Station (reference: Region I letters to PSNH dated December 7, 1983 and May 17, 1984) reinforced the need for both the effective management of interfaces and the comprehensive implementation of a corrective action program.

Appendix A to the IE letter identified program weaknesses, and is enclosed, in part, with this letter. Appendix B to the IE letter documents potential enforcement items. Based on these CAT inspection results, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the enclosed Appendix A, Notice of Violation. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Item 4 of the Appendix B to the IE letter is considered unresolved pending the presentation of evidence that the material listed in Section VI.B.1.6 of the CAT report is both correct and traceable.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

original signed by:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director Division of Project and Resident Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation

2. Appendix A (in part) to IE letter dated July 18, 1984

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