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Docket No. 50-293

Boston Edison Company M/C Nuclear
ATTN: Mr. William D. Harrington
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- REFERENCES: 1. Letter from W. D. Harrington, Sr. Vice President (BECO) to the NRC Regional Administrator (Region I) dated July 7, 1984 entitled: "Annual Report of Changes to the Boston Edison Quality Assurance Program Description."
2. Letter from Thomas T. Martin, Director, Division of Engineering and Technical Programs (NRC) to Mr. W. D. Harrington, Senior Vice President (BECO) dated August 28, 1984 entitled: "Annual Report of Changes to the Boston Edison Quality Assurance Program Description".

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF BECO'S 1984 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3), we have reviewed the proposed changes to your Quality Assurance Manual as summarized by reference "1" above and submitted per our reference "2" request.

QA Program changes II-110, 111, 112 and 113 eliminate the Quality Assurance Department (QAD) review of non-Q documents. It is not clear whether the non-Q documents will be periodically audited by the QAD to verify if they were properly classified. In a September 11, 1984, telephone conversation between Mr. Frank Schellenger (BECO) and Mr. James Prell (NRC), Mr. Schellenger proposed that the first sentence of paragraph 18.2.1 (Revision 5, 5/21/84) be deleted and replaced with the following two sentences: "QAD performs internal audits of all quality-related operation phase activities to which this quality assurance program applies, as defined by paragraph 2.4. Activities to which the quality program does not apply are audited to the extent necessary to assure proper quality classification". Mr. Schellenger indicated the proposed changes will be made by November, 1984, in Revision 6 to Section 18. Incorporation of the above changes will resolve our concerns in this area.

We have reviewed the other proposed changes to your Quality Assurance Program and find them acceptable. The effectiveness of your Quality Assurance Program will continue to be the subject of future NRC inspections.

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If you have any further questions in this regard, please contact Mr. James Prell (215-337-5108).

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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