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Kansas Gas and Electric Company
ATTN: Glenn L. Koester
Vice President - Nuclear
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Wichita, Kansas 67201

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R. G. Taylor and other Region IV personnel during the period June 11 through September 28, 1984 of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-147 for the Wolf Creek Generating Station. The results of the inspection were discussed with Mr. F. J. Duddy and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection and during an Enforcement Conference held on October 29, 1984 at the NRC Region IV office in Arlington, Texas with you and other members of the Kansas Gas and Electric staff and myself and other members of the Region IV staff.

Two violations were identified during this inspection. They are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty. Violation I represents a significant breakdown in your program for the inspection and correction of defective safety-related structural steel welds. To emphasize the need for Kansas Gas and Electric Company management to ensure an effective quality assurance program has been implemented that both identifies and corrects construction deficiencies, I have been authorized, after consultation with the Deputy Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, to issue the enclosed Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for this violation. The violation has been categorized as a Severity Level III violation in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, 49 FR 8583 (March 8, 1984). The base civil penalty for a Severity Level III violation is \$50,000. However, since you failed to take adequate corrective actions for the problems identified by Corrective Action Requests CAR No. 1-W-0029 (initiated on March 22, 1983) and CAR No. 1-W-0031 (issued August 16, 1983), the base civil penalty is being escalated by 50%. Violation II has been categorized as a Severity Level IV violation for which no civil penalty is proposed.

You are required to respond to the enclosed Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty. In preparing your response you should follow the instructions specified in the Notice. Your reply to this letter and the results of future inspections will be considered in determining whether further enforcement action is warranted.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Paul S. Check

Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
Region IV

Enclosure:

Notice of Violation and
Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty

cc: w/enclosure

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