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Docket Nos. 50-348, 50-364
License Nos. NPF-2, NPF-8

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/92-12 AND
50-364/92-12)

This refers to the inspection conducted by G. F. Maxwell of this office on April 13 through May 18, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Farley facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, and at various times during the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because of the erroneous removal of Unit 1 equipment from service rather than the intended Unit 2 equipment on three separate occasions in April. We are also concerned about the violation because it represents an additional example of inadequate corrective actions and improper manipulation of valves and breakers which have previously been identified at Farley.

The violation described in the enclosed Notice is related to a violation identified in NRC Inspection Report 50-348,364/92-09, in that, adequate corrective actions were not implemented in a timely manner. The violation described in the enclosed Notice is also similar to violations identified by NRC Inspection Report Numbers 50-348,364/91-10 and 91-19, since they involved personnel operating the wrong unit or wrong system train valves or equipment which, subsequently, resulted in a loss of system control. Recurring violations are of particular concern because the NRC expects licensees to learn from their past failures and to take effective corrective actions.

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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Although the NRC does not normally consider monetary civil penalties for Severity Level IV violations, the Enforcement Policy states that such penalties may be imposed for Severity Level IV violations that are similar to previous violations for which the licensee did not take effective corrective actions.

At this time, we have decided not to hold an enforcement conference nor to propose a civil penalty. However, we have elected to hold a meeting in the Region II Office to allow you to describe your root cause determination and corrective action programs for violations which resulted in inappropriate operation of plant equipment and systems by facility personnel. You should be prepared to describe specific actions taken or planned relative to the most recent problems as well as the corrective actions to be taken to improve the overall effectiveness of your root cause determination and corrective action programs. We will contact you and arrange an acceptable meeting date prior to the next scheduled Unit 1 refueling outage.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paper Work Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: (See page 3)

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