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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-267

Public Service Company of Colorado
ATTN: R. F. Walker, President and
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Dear Mr. Walker:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 26, 1984, which provides the scope and schedule of the independent assessment of management controls for the operation and management of the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station.

We have reviewed the scope for the proposed independent assessment and are satisfied that it covers the areas of concern that were identified to you in the NRC assessment report and further amplified in our meeting of November 14, 1984. In order to assure that the management assessment adequately reflects NRC concerns, we recommend that SALP and inspection reports covering 1981 through the present be included in the "Material Review Process." The proposed schedule for implementing this assessment seems suitable to us as long as it will result in an encompassing and competent review.

We would like to make two observations on the overall process of assessing PSC's management controls for its nuclear activities.

First, your letter does not speak to that part of the process that must follow your receipt of the consultant's report. In all likelihood, there will be recommendations arising from the assessment that will require PSC management review, decision, and implementation. You have not yet provided a schedule for this part of the effort. We feel that 30 days from the time the assessment report is delivered to PSC would be sufficient for your review of the report and preparation of an action plan for addressing recommendations, with the understanding that complex or broad scope issues might require study beyond 30 days. We will entertain extensions for good cause. We recognize that some recommendations might be of such a nature that they should be implemented immediately, and in such cases you should not wait for completion of your review and formulation of your overall action plan to begin corrective actions. We expect you to present the action plan to us when it is prepared.

Second, the assessment work plan, Section 8.2.3, indicates that the independent assessment documentation shall be presented to the NRC and PSC. We understand this section to mean that NRC shall receive a copy simultaneous to that provided PSC. If this understanding is not correct, please let me know immediately.

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If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

"Signed by
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