Docket Nos. 50-443 50-444

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

Dear Mr. Harrison:

It has been brought to our attention that a welder's identification stencil may have been improperly placed on Field Wald (FW) #46 of a service water system multiple pipe support (M/S-1808-RG-02) located in the Unit 1 Primary Auxiliary Building. Preliminary NRC review has identified concerns with certain weld records. The Pullman Power Products Hanger Field Weld Process Sheet appears to document some inconsistent welder identification data not only for FW #46, but also for FW #45 and FW #47 where the recorded welder identifications do not match the stenciled markings on the support itself.

While our preliminary inspection of the welding and hardware has identified no technical deficiencies, we are concerned that discrepancies may exist in the weld records and at least partially substantiate the concern of improprieties with regard to FW #46. Therefore, we request that steps be taken by your organization to review this issue, and subsequently provide us with the findings and conclusions of your review.

We also request that, within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, you respond in writing with your plans and schedule for review of this issue, and subsequently with the findings and conclusions of your review. If you should have any questions concerning this request, please contact R. Gallo at 215-337-5234.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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