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Note to File

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT CO., OYSTER CREEK FACILITY

I called the President of Jersey Central Power & Light Co., Dr. Bartnoff, on Friday, September 14, 1973, on the subject of QA for Operations.

I told Mr. Bartnoff that we were very concerned about the status of their QA Program for the Operations phase, and that this concern was highlighted by a number of events that occurred since our last meeting with him on the general subject of the management of the Oyster Creek Plant. I gave him specifics that included results of our environmental inspections, the shock suppressor problem, the loss of off-site power problem, and other observations by our inspectors. I indicated to Mr. Bartnoff that, based on the results of our last meeting, that we expected to see a step change in the staffing and competence in the support for the Oyster Creek Facility. I indicated that this had not been observed (i.e., the step change). I told him that these matters should receive his personal attention because the level of concern by Regulatory has increased over that indicated to him in our last meeting. Mr. Bartnoff stated that they had a serious concern, and that they had been actively involved in recruiting and had made major changes in their salary structure to accommodate recruiting. He told me that he had zero acceptances from all offers that had been presented. The recruitment was a major problem for Jersey Central. He told me that he just authorized major increases in salaries that would be offered to recruits.

I told Mr. Bartnoff that I had such a serious concern that I felt that I should talk to Mr. Bill Coombs, President of GPU, on the subject of providing technical support to Oyster Creek. Mr. Bartnoff had no problem with this and felt that this might be helpful to him. I terminated my conversation with Mr. Bartnoff on a friendly basis and in

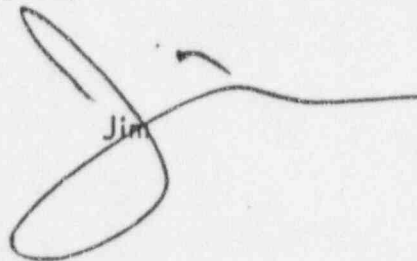
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agreement with him that the major problem at Jersey Central is Staffing. He strongly felt that way - as I do.

Upon completing the conversation with Mr. Bartnoff, I called Mr. Coombs, President, GPU. The area of concern related to Mr. Coombs was on the subject of Staffing. I indicated the types of problems they had, the level of concern we had reached at the Oyster Creek Plant, and asked him to review the level of support provided Oyster Creek by GPU. He indicated that he would look into this matter promptly. I have had several meetings with Mr. Coombs on the adequacy of Metropolitan Edison Plant. Based on the previous encounters with Mr. Coombs and on this conversation, I believe that Mr. Coombs will give this matter prompt attention.

Dictated by JPO'R

cc: Carlson
Howard
Caphton
Tillou
Glasscock

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right. The name "Jim" is printed in a small, black, sans-serif font directly over the middle of the signature.

Jim