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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Regulatory Commission U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: Clinton Unit I Construction Schedule Update

Dear Mr. Denton:

The USNRC letter dated May 29, 1981 from H. R. Denton to W. J. Kelley requested Illinois Power Company to provide a quarterly update concerning the Clinton I construction schedule.

The Critical Path Schedule Analysis shows that the limiting system schedule, Containment Building Ventilation System, is about 56 days behind. This system is a prerequisite to the newly established milestone, Start RPV Hot Operation. This new milestone is defined as the performance of Reactor Recirculation and Reactor Pressure Flow Induced Vibration Testing and signifies the first time the plant pressures and temperatures are at or near the normal operating range. The scheduled date for this milestone is May 9, 1985. The critical path analysis is performed each month to identify problem areas sufficiently in advance so that timely corrective actions can be taken. The target for Fuel Load remains at January 3, 1986.

The recovery programs, referenced in the previous quarterly report, have been effective in achieving the Reactor Integrated Flush and Cold Hydro milestones. Reactor Integrated Flush commenced on December 13, 1984 and was completed on January 1, 1985. The Cold Hydro test commenced January 17, 1985, within only eleven (11) days of the target date established in 1983.

We will continue to submit quarterly updates of the Unit I construction schedule.

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