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Docket Nos. 50-272  
50-311

EA 85-17

Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Combined Inspections 50-272/85-02 and 50-311/85-01

This refers to the special safeguards inspection conducted by Mr. G. C. Smith of this office on January 8, 1985 at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. DPR-70 and DPR-75 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Smith with Mr. P. Moeller of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. A copy of the Inspection Report is enclosed.

The inspection was conducted to review the circumstances associated with the undetected entry of a firearm to the site protected area. The entry occurred because a locked suitcase, being transported in a vehicle, was not searched prior to the vehicle entering the area, in violation of NRC physical protection requirements. The violation has been classified in the enclosed Notice of Violation as a Severity Level III in accordance with the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, as revised, 49 FR 8583 (March 8, 1984).

Although civil penalties are considered for Severity Level III violations, we have decided not to propose a civil penalty in this case because the violation was promptly reported to the NRC after the firearm was detected by another guard prior to exit of the vehicle from the site protected area; extensive corrective actions were promptly taken; considerable improvements have been made in the physical protection program at Salem over the past two years as evidenced by the Category 1 rating in this area during the last Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance; and the violation appears to be an isolated occurrence. However, we emphasize that similar violations in the future may result in additional enforcement action.

You are required to respond to this letter and the enclosed Notice, and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions specified in the Notice.

The Notice of Violation contains details of your security program that have been determined to be exempt from public disclosure in accordance with either 10 CFR 73.21 (Safeguards Information) or 10 CFR 9.5.(a)(4) (Commercial or

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Financial Information). Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 the sections so identified in the Notice of Violation will not be placed in the NRC Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Thomas E. Murley  
Thomas E. Murley

Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation (Contains Commercial or Financial Information)
2. Combined NRC Region I Inspection Report Nos. 50-272/85-02; 50-311/85-01

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