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KMLNRC 85-034

Re: Docket No. STN 50-482

Subj: Response to Inspection Report 50-482/84-45

Dear Mr. Denise:

This letter provides the Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KG&E) response to your letter of January 7, 1985, which transmitted Inspection Report STN 50-482/84-45. As requested, the violation identified in the Inspection Report is being addressed in three parts:

- a) Corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved;
- b) Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations;
and
- c) The date when full compliance will be achieved.

VIOLATION 482/84-45: FAILURE TO CORRECT CONDITIONS ADVERSE TO QUALITY

Finding:

10CFR50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, as implemented by the Wolf Creek Quality Assurance Program and FSAR Section 17.2, requires that measures be established to ensure that conditions adverse to quality are promptly identified and corrected.

Contrary to the above, Kansas Gas and Electric Company did not ensure that conditions adverse to quality were promptly identified and corrected, in that, the response due dates for two audits were not met and ineffective follow-up action was taken.

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Response:

a) Corrective steps which have been taken and results achieved:

First a point of clarification. The vendor audit findings in question were classified by the KG&E auditor as Areas of Concern and not Noncompliances, indicating that a quality concern existed although a program/procedural violation was not evident. Nonetheless, the concern was of such a nature that the KG&E auditor felt a response from the vendor was necessary. KG&E agrees that in these cases a more aggressive follow-up should have occurred.

Both suppliers were contacted by telephone the day of the NRC audit and written responses were received from Eberline Instrument Company on 11/19/84 and Ametek on 11/23/84 and 12/14/84. Completed and proposed corrective actions as delineated in these responses were reviewed by KG&E QA and found to be acceptable.

b) Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations:

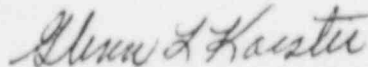
The mechanism used for keying necessary follow-up for Areas of Concern is the same as that for Reports of Noncompliance. Listings of response due dates and overdue responses are provided to the Audit Team Leaders and Vendor Surveillance Supervisor to assist them in tracking vendor replies. A group meeting was held on 11/16/84 at which time the importance of these lists and of obtaining timely response to Areas of Concern was stressed. In addition, an independent review is being performed by an individual within the Home Office QA group. Excessive overdue responses are being brought to the attention of the Vendor Surveillance Supervisor by the independent reviewer.

c) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

Full compliance has been achieved.

If you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact me or Mr. Otto Maynard of my staff.

Yours very truly,



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