January 3, 1997

Mr. H. G. Stanley Site Vice President Braidwood Station Commonwealth Edison Company RR #1. Box 84 Braceville. IL 60407

SUBJECT:

NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-456/96014: 50-457/96014

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Stanley:

On October 18, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Braidwood 1 & 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. Overall, we found that plant operations were conducted safely.

We are concerned about two incidents of poor performance by non-licensed operators that resulted in equipment damage to the 1C condensate booster pump and spraying about 150 gallons of water into the diesel generator fuel oil tank room. These events indicated a failure to properly control evolutions in the field. We are also concerned that NRC inspectors identified that the latest revision of a surveillance procedure was not used when performing the surveillance on the 1B Diesel Generator which was a violation of NRC requirements.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation is described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

With respect to your temporary alteration process, while we recognize that you have made some recent progress in reducing the number of temporary alterations in use at the plant we are concerned with the high number that have been in place for greater than 18 months. Management controls to ensure that non-conforming plant problems are permanently fixed in a timely manner have not been effective in these instances.

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Sincerely, /s/James L. Caldwell James L. Caldwell, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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