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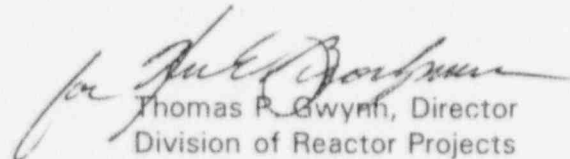
Dear Mr. Horn:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 1997, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated February 28, 1997. Our letter discussed the lack of proceduralized instruction for dealing with ice slush buildup in the circulating water intake bays (Violation A) and the failure to initiate a problem identification report for a known leakage problem with a valve (Violation B). We have reviewed your reply to Violation A and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Regarding Violation B, your response documented that 200 additional maintenance work requests were reviewed to determine whether all conditions which required problem identification reports to be initiated were documented. Nine examples which may have required problem identification reports were identified; however, your response did not indicate whether the required problem identification report (if one was required), was initiated, or whether the conditions were corrected. Additionally, your response did not provide an evaluation of the need for additional maintenance work request review. This would seem to be a prudent action, given that nine potential deficiencies were found in your 200 maintenance work request sample.

In order to determine that the causes of Violation B have been adequately addressed and that the extent of the potential problem has been bounded, we request that you supplement your response to Violation B to address the above concerns. This was discussed with Mr. Brad Houston of your staff on June 11, 1997. During this discussion, Mr. Houston indicated that Nebraska Public Power District planned to submit a revised response on June 24, 1997. /o

Sincerely,


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