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CLARIFICATION TO COMMITMENT TO MAKE OPRM OPERATIONAL
SUPPLEMENT TO RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 94-02
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
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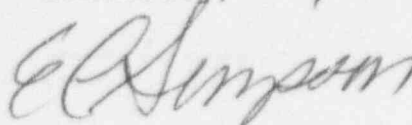
Ladies and Gentlemen:

On July 11, 1994, the NRC issued Generic Letter 94-02, "Long-Term Solutions and Upgrade of Interim Operating Recommendations for Thermal Hydraulic Instabilities in Boiling Water Reactors." Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) responded to the Generic Letter on September 9, 1994. The response committed to installing an operational power range monitor (OPRM) to detect and suppress reactor core thermal hydraulic instabilities. As part of this commitment, PSE&G indicated that the objective was to have the OPRM installed prior to startup from the seventh refueling outage and to have it operational following completion of the acceptance testing and expiration of the interim evaluation/familiarization period (at least six months following startup from the outage).

This letter clarifies the "at least six months" commitment by committing to have the OPRM operational following startup from the eighth refueling outage. PSE&G's intent is to operate with the OPRM trip function disabled for a full operating cycle. As indicated in the original response, PSE&G will continue to use the interim corrective actions during the period when the trip is disabled.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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