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SUBJECT: PILGRIM EXAMINATION REPORT 50-293/97-006 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Boulette:

During the period of May 5 - 9, 1997, the NRC administered initial examinations to six employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. At the conclusion of the examinations, the preliminary findings were discussed with Mr. Olivier and members of your staff.

Five of the six applicants passed the examinations. One applicant failed the written and operating portion of the examination. The five applicants that passed were well prepared for the examination.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. As described in the attached Notice and inspection report, we concluded that two applications were deficient in that the applicants had not completed the five significant control manipulations as required by 10 CFR 55.31(a)(5) in a manner that we found acceptable. Although the applicants met your program guidance, which was reasonable, we concluded that multiple credit should not be granted when one set of controls was manipulated over an extended power change.

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.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Don Florek of my staff at (610) 337-5185 or me at (610) 337-5211.

Sincerely,

Glenn Meyer, Chief  
Operations and Human Performance  
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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No.: 50-293

License No.: DPR-35

Enclosures: Notice of Violation  
Examination Report 50-293/97-006

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