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EA 88-203

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Enforcement Conference

During the period March 24-27, 1986, the NRC performed an inspection at Oyster Creek to review the status of your equipment qualification (EQ) program and to evaluate the status of your compliance with 10 CFR 50.49. As a result of this inspection, apparent violations of 10 CFR 50.49 were identified. The inspection report (50-219/86-08) was sent to you on August 8, 1986. The most significant EQ findings included in this report involve: 1) PVC tape splices (86-08-05); and, 2) Limit Switches associated with the MSIVs (86-08-04).

The NRC is considering these potential violations for appropriate enforcement action. We plan to discuss these violations with you at an enforcement conference in the Region I office within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. At the enforcement conference, you should be prepared to discuss (1) the number of deficiencies and the number of systems and components affected in each case; (2) the specific and underlying cause(s) of each violation; and, (3) the actions taken or planned to correct the individual violations as well as to ensure yourself that GPU is currently in overall compliance with EQ requirements. Specifically, you should be prepared to discuss the bases for your position regarding the "fail safe" mode for the PVC tape splices and the potential for failing "open" versus failing "shorted."

Furthermore, you should be prepared to discuss each violation in light of the Modified Enforcement Policy for EQ Requirements which is described in the enclosure to Generic Letter 88-07, i.e., which items were identified by you and were they promptly reported to the NRC? What were your best efforts to comply with the rule within the deadline; and if appropriate, why you believe that you clearly should not have known of these deficiencies prior to the November 30, 1985 deadline for being in compliance with the rules? We request that at the

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enforcement conference you provide a handout that succinctly describes your position concerning these enforcement considerations.

Sincerely,

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