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Gentlemen:

Subject: 10 CFR 50.49 EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATION INSPECTION, HOPE CREEK
GENERATING STATION (50-354/88-03)

This refers to your letters of April 15, 1988, and February 5, 1988, regarding a plan and implementation schedule for restructuring your EQ files at the Hope Creek Generating Station by April 15, 1988.

Thank you for informing us of the delay in submitting the plan and implementing schedule for restructuring the EQ files.

We agreed that the EQ files, in the present form, contain the necessary information for maintaining the EQ qualification of electrical equipment within the scope of 10 CFR 50.49 and can be easily referenced by experienced personnel using the files on a daily basis.

Your request for extending the due date of the plan and implementing schedule to June 30, 1988 is granted. Should you have any questions on this matter do not hesitate to contact us.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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Gentlemen:

HOPE CREEK EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATION PROGRAM
RESTRUCTURING OF EQ FILES
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-354

During the January 25-29, 1988 NRC team inspection of the Hope Creek Equipment Qualification (EQ) Program, a concern was raised with regard to the auditability of the purchase order-based EQ files. Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) responded in a letter of February 5, 1988 that restructuring of the EQ files had been considered prior to the arrival of the NRC inspection team and that a plan and implementation schedule for such an effort would be available by April 15, 1988.

Although response to the immediate concerns of the NRC inspection team (questions on terminal blocks and EQ instrument loop accuracy) and followup of other inspection findings during the current Hope Creek refueling outage have been of primary concern, initial discussions related to the restructuring of the EQ files have been held. Initial estimates for the effort have turned out to be quite capital and manpower intensive. The Engineering and Plant Betterment Department (E&PB) has been tasked to reevaluate the scope and schedule for the EQ file restructuring effort so that its implementation may be more cost effective. So as not to present an incomplete or unrealistic scope and implementation schedule for this project, PSE&G asks that the due date for presentation of this information to NRC be changed to June 30, 1988. This will allow time for alternative approaches to be evaluated and for estimated expenditures to be approved.

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In the meantime, the existing purchase order-based EQ files will be maintained. As was determined by the NRC inspection team, these files contain the information necessary for qualification of the equipment within the Hope Creek EQ program and are easily referenced by those who use them on a daily basis. The requirements of 10CFR50.49 are therefore being adequately addressed at this time.

Should you have any problems with regard to this request, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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