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**SUBJECT: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station Power Ascension Program
(Revised)**

Dear Sir:

This letter forwards a revision to the description of the Power Ascension Program and associated Boston Edison processes for assessment of performance during power ascension.

The attached Power Ascension Program revises certain elements of the prior submission forwarded by Boston Edison letter 87-163 dated October 15, 1987. The Power Ascension Program is submitted for information and review. Five NRC Approval Points are submitted for NRC review and approval.

The purpose of this revision is to add four periods of normal operation/observation during the Power Ascension Program for new operator required training, for enhancing operational proficiency and for additional self assessment. System tightness and operability under hot plant conditions will be confirmed and portions of a Special Post Startup Training Program will be conducted prior to increasing power above five percent.

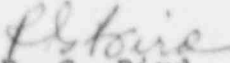
The Power Ascension Program includes the same four elements as the prior version, namely, a description of the logic plan for power ascension, Boston Edison's Assessment Points, the proposed NRC Approval Points, the startup organization and the management assessment process. As the final

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phase of the Restart Plan, the Power Ascension Program is the mechanism by which Boston Edison will demonstrate the effectiveness of its programs, plans and actions to assure safe and reliable restart and continued operation.

Please contact me, or R. A. Ledgett of my staff, if you have questions or need additional information concerning the PNPS Power Ascension Program.


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Attachment

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