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Docket No. 50-293

Boston Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Ralph G. Bird
Senior Vice President - Nuclear
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Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-293/88-07

This refers to the routine safety inspection (50-293/88-07) conducted by Messrs. C. Warren, J. Lyash and T. Kim of this office on January 20, 1988 to March 5, 1988, at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter.

In regard to the control of overtime at Pilgrim Station, the inspection confirmed that your program, as currently documented, meets the guidelines promulgated in Generic Letters 82-12 and 83-14. However, program implementation had been such that it did not appear to have been fully meeting the intent of NRC guidelines. As documented in Section 5, we understand that you have agreed to supplement the response to this item provided in your October 28, 1987 letter. Please provide this supplemental response within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain maintenance activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation enclosed herewith as Appendix A. Failure to establish adequate procedures and to perform adequate technical review were evident during the blackout diesel generator testing and the plant process computer point tie-in activities. In addition, poor preplanning and control of maintenance resulted in an unnecessary engineered safety feature actuations during an electrical relay replacement. Weaknesses in control of maintenance was the subject of a previous violation as documented in the inspection report 50-293/87-50.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Collins

for *William F. Lane*
Samuel J. Collins, Deputy Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-293/88-07

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