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In Reply Refer To:  
Docket: 50-267/88-15

Public Service Company of Colorado  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. I. Barnes and R. G. Taylor of this office during the period July 11 through August 5, 1988, of the activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-34 for the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station, and to discussion of our findings with Mr. R. O. Williams and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included licensee event report followup, control of design changes and modifications, and your activities related to refurbishment of the reactor helium circulators. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to these violations, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

One unresolved item is identified in paragraph 5.d of the enclosed inspection report.

Also during this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities appear to deviate from commitments made to the NRC. This item and references to the commitment is identified in the enclosed Notice of Deviation. You are requested to respond to this deviation in writing. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Deviation enclosed with this letter.

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We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

The inspection report (Section 2.b) notes that while progress has been made to improve your corrective action program, management needs to direct renewed emphasis toward further improvement in the program. Of particular concern is the relatively large number of Nonconformance Reports from 1986 and earlier that are unresolved for a variety of reasons. Further management attention is needed relative to the corrective action program.

The inspection report identifies apparent violations related to helium circulator installation without appropriate authorization and failure to control special processes. While written response is required within 30 days of the date of this letter, we also believe it is appropriate to meet with you to obtain an earlier indication of how you plan to address the technical aspects and generic implications related to the apparent violations. We will contact you separately to arrange a convenient time for a management meeting which should be held prior to restart from the present outage.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notices 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.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Ordered Signed By

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