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Docket No. 50-293

Boston Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Ralph G. Bird
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION POWER ASCENSION PROGRAM

This letter refers to the NRC staff review of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station Power Ascension Program (Revised), as submitted by Boston Edison Company (BECO) in a letter dated August 31, 1988. The NRC staff has completed its review of the plan, as well as your initial submittal of the plan dated October 15, 1987, and your February 29 and August 4, 1988 responses to the NRC's requests for additional information.

During a Management Meeting on April 8, 1988, three issues were identified as requiring additional NRC review: analysis of the affect of plant modifications on the dynamic response of the plant, review of approved procedures TP87-114 and TP87-147, and Rosemount transmitter "ringing" concerns. The first two issues were resolved based on staff inspection and management review of these issues. The Rosemount transmitter concerns were resolved based on the information provided at a meeting in Region I on August 31, 1988.

As a result of the above reviews, the NRC staff has concluded that the Power Ascension Program provides an adequate plan which satisfies the NRC's request for a formal restart program and schedule, as described in the August 27, 1986 update to Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) 86-10. Further, we have determined that the five NRC Approval Points proposed in your Power Ascension Program are approved. Successful implementation of the proposed Power Ascension Program is necessary for closeout of CAL 86-10. The NRC staff will form a conclusion regarding the effectiveness of the plan's implementation after completion of the Power Ascension Program and review of the program results.

No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
Thomas T. Martin

Thomas T. Martin, Director
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