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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Commonwealth Edison Company (EA 88-161)
(Quad Cities Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$125,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) will be issued on or about September 15, 1988 to Commonwealth Edison Company. This action is based on two problems. First, the shared diesel was unable to respond for approximately six months, to a Unit 2 auto-start signal because of an undetected failure caused by a wiring error. Second, the ungrounded 125 VDC battery system for Unit 2 was operated in a grounded condition for approximately six months. This condition was not properly recognized or evaluated by the licensee. The escalation and mitigation factors of the Enforcement Policy were considered for both of these violations and the civil penalty for the first violation was escalated 50 percent because of the licensee's failure to take prompt and thorough corrective actions while the second violation is being proposed at the base civil penalty.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice September 15, 1988
Telephone Notification of Licensee September 15, 1988

The State of Illinois will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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