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Mr. James L. Caldwell
Acting Regional Administrator
Region III
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
801 Warrenville Rd.
Lisle, IL 60532-4351

Subject: Request to Reschedule Planned Inspections

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Illinois Power (IP) and Clinton Power Station (CPS) are progressing in efforts to resolve programmatic and material condition issues to support startup of the plant. It is important that NRC inspection efforts are coordinated with these efforts. This will result in more effective application of inspection resources and a more accurate representation of the activities at CPS. To support that result, IP proposes that the following planned inspections be rescheduled for the corresponding dates listed below.

Maintenance Rule Follow-up

Corrective Action (40500)

Safety System Engineering Inspection

December 7 - 11, 1998

January 4 - 22, 1998

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In each case, IP intends to provide written confirmation, approximately four weeks prior to the planned inspection, of our status regarding the issues involved in the specific inspection and our ability to support effective inspection and issue resolution. Cur ability to ensure this result is dependent on continued, effective communication with the NRC inspection staff and the NRC Restart Panel. This communication efforts needs to include current status of site efforts in specific areas of concern as well as NRC expectations regarding these issues, as we make progress toward a successful plant restart and continued safe operation.

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Sincerely yours, Rody for

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cc: NRC Clinton Licensing Project Manager

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