Duquesne Light Company Beaver Valley Power Station

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Reference: Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1 and No. 2 BV-1 Docket No. 50-334, License No. DPR-66 BV-2 Docket No. 50-412, License No. NPF-73 Generic Letter 88-05

Gentlemen:

Duquesne Light Company recognizes the need for monitoring boric acid leakage onto carbon steel components as noted in Generic Letter 88-05 "Boric Acid Corrosion of carbon Steel Reactor Pressure Boundary Components in PWR Plants". Procedural controls and systematic measures were instituted in 1982 per IE Bulletin 82-02, and improvements were made to reduce the potential for boric acid leakage.

Present plant procedures include provisions for visually inspecting Reactor Coolant System (RCS) components for leakage and the effects of boric acid corrosion. Visual inspections are performed during heatup after each refueling outage. The documented results of the visual inspections are evaluated and appropriate action taken to clean up boric acid deposits and resolve any leakage problems.

Enhancements have been identified based on the recent EPRI Report (RP 2006-18, dated April 1988) which emphasizes personnel awareness, good housekeeping practices, attention to all leaks, importance of proper reassembly of bolting closures, system walkdowns and documentation and tracking of leaks and repairs. Revisions, as appropriate, will be made to the program by September 30, 1988. These actions will provide an adequate program for addressing RCS leakage and boric acid corrosion concerns of the subject generic letter.

We believe the modified program will further enhance the site program for addressing Generic Letter 88-05 and the EPRI Report RP 2006-18.

Very truly yours,

J. D. Sieber Vice President Nuclear Group

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cc: Mr. J. Beall, Sr. Resident Inspector Mr. W. T. Russell, NRC Region I Administrator Mr. P. Tam, Project Manager

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)

COUNTY OF BEAVER

On this <u>And</u> day of <u>Junk</u>, 1988, before me, <u>ELVA G. LESONDAK</u>, a Notary Public in and for said Commonwealth and County, personally appeared J. D. Sieber, who being duly sworn, deposed, and said that (1) he is Vice President of Duquesne Light, (2) he is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing Submittal on behalf of said Company, and (3) the statements set forth in the Submittal are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

SS:

ELVA G. LESONDAK, NOTARY PUBLIC SHIPPINGPORT, BEAVER COUNTY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCTOBER 20, 1990