October 28, 1998

Mr. Walter G. MacFarland, IV Senior Vice President Clinton Power Station Illinois Power Company Mail Code V-275 P.O. Box 678 Clinton, IL 61727

SUBJECT: NRC CLINTON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT 50-461/98025(DRS)

Dear Mr. MacFarland:

On October 9, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection of your emergency preparedness program at the Clinton Power Station. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Areas examined within your emergency preparedness program are identified in the report. Within those areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The objective of the inspection effort was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Based on the results of this inspection, no violations of NRC requirements were identified. During this inspection, our evaluation of your activities showed the emergency preparedness program to be on an improving trend. Specifically, the inspection indicated that corrective actions had been taken on a number of issues relative to the February 1998 Alert. However, several other corrective actions, such as implementation of the new autodialer callout system, are yet to be completed. Emergency response facilities, equipment, and supplies have been generally maintained in a good state of operational readiness, with some exceptions. The material condition of the Technical Support Center remained unchanged and in need of some attention.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection. Please call Mr. James R. Creed of our staff at (630) 829-9857 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Original /s/ M. L. Dapas

Marc L. Dapas, Deputy Director Division of Reactor Projects

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