March 24, 1988

Docket No.: 50-293

Mr. Ralph E. Bird Senior Vice President - Nuclear Boston Edison Company 800 Boylston Street Boston, Massachusetts 02199

SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF INTEGRAL CONDUIT SMOKE SEALS AT APPENDIX BARRIERS (TAC# 67523) PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION

Dear Mr. Pird:

By letter dated February 3, 1988 (BECo 88-017), you provided the NRC staff with criteria for installing smoke seals inside electrical conduits that pass through fire barriers from one fire area to another. The criteria was provided in response to the staff concerns discussed during a meeting between BECo and the staff on November 24, 1987.

We have completed our review of your February 3, 1987 submittal and agree that the criteria BECo has developed conforms to the staff guidance and requirements. The criteria is adequate to provide reasonable assurance that smoke generated by a fire in one fire area will not travel by way of electrical conduit to another fire area in sufficient quantities to damage redundant safety shutdown equipment and/or components. Therefore, we consider this item and Tac number 67523 closed.

We have entroyed a copy of our Safety Evaluation for your information.

Sincerely, Daniel McDonald, Senior Project Manager Project Directorate I-3 Division of Reactor Projects I/II

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