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Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company
Braidwood Unit 2
Braceville, IL 60407

Docket No. 50-457

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of an Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

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Subject: INITIAL CRITICALITY

Unit 2 achieved its initial criticality at 11:50 a.m. (CST) on March 8, 1988. The conditions at criticality were as expected. The NRC resident inspectors monitored the preparations for criticality.

The Operating License permitting fuel loading and low power testing was issued on December 18, 1987. Fuel loading was completed on December 27, 1987.

The State of Illinois will be notified.

The licensee is issuing a news announcement.

Region III (Chicago) was notified of the initial criticality at 12:05 p.m. on March 8, 1988.

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