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SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE INSPECTION REPORT 50-346/99009(DRP)

Dear Mr. Campbell:

On August 2, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your Davis-Besse site. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

The plant was operated in a conservative manner throughout the inspection period. The decision to ensure the functionality of the startup feedwater pump after receiving information that it would provide a substantial benefit to mitigate the consequences of a loss of feedwater accident was a good example of conservative decision-making. Examples of inattention-to-detail by operators concerning the reasons for computer point alarms and by electrical maintenance personnel during work on heat trace equipment detracted from the otherwise good performance during this inspection period.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations, which were reported to the NRC in licensee event reports, are being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. These NCVs are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violations or the severity level of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Sincerely,

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