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NRC Docket No. 50-341 NRC License No. NPF-43

- Detroit Edison to Region III, "Concurrence to Exceed 50% Power," NRC-87-0251, dated November 20, 1987
- 3) Region III to Detroit Edison, "Concurrence to Operate Up to 75% Power," dated December 5, 1987

Subject: Concurrence to Operate Up to Full Power

On November 20, 1987, I requested concurrence to exceed 50% power and complete start-up testing in Test Condition 3. Concurrence was received to operate up to 75% power in the NRC letter of December 5, 1987.

The plant was restarted on October 9, 1987, after an extended maintenance outage. Since restart in October 1987, we have operated continuously at approximately 50% power until December 9, 1987 after which time we operated up to 75% power.

We feel our performance during this period has been good. However, we have continued the control room evolution evaluation program to continue to improve our performance and we continue to experience the positive results anticipated from these activities. We have made progress in addressing the items from your October 9, 1987 letter. We plan to meet with you in January to review the status of these efforts. We have made progress in meeting our commitment to reduce

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the PM backlog. To date, we have completed 349 of the 757 backlog PMs.

On December 26, 1987, Test Condition 3 was completed. We entered Test Condition 5 and successfully completed testing on December 30, 1987. Completion of Test Condition 5 testing places the reactor at the 100% rod line and we are ready to exceed 75% power.

The On-Site Review Organization (OSRO) has completed its review of the results of Test Condition 3 and 5 testing and the requirements for entering into Test Condition 6. Based on that review, OSRO has provided its recommendation and approval to enter into Test Condition 6 (exceed 75% power). The Independent Overview Committee has concurred with this position and the Chairman of the Board has approved our request to enter Test Condition 6.

Based on my review of our current operating performance, plant material condition and satisfactory completion of requisite testing, I hereby request NRC concurrence to operate the plant up to full power.

Sincerely,

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