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Docket No. 50-293

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Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-293/88-37

This refers to the inspection (50-293/88-37) conducted by the NRC Restart Staff on December 27, 1988 to February 5, 1989, at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter.

The Restart Staff, through selected around-the-clock shift inspections and routine program inspections, observed management controls, conduct of operations, and startup testing activities during the initial phase of the licensee's Power Ascension Program. Based on these reviews conducted per the NRC inspection plan specifically developed to cover this period, the Restart Staff determined that licensee management provided active and effective oversight and was directly involved in assuring safe operation.

Results of the NRC Restart Staff inspections and assessments are taken into consideration by the NRC Restart Assessment Panel during ongoing licensee performance reviews and deliberations at each Power Ascension Program approval point.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Samuel J. Collins, Deputy Director
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Enclosure:
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