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Subject: The Augmented Inspection Team report (AIT) RICI Low pressure piping at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and two related issues to PNPS

Mr. Kane,

As committee members of the Town of Duxbury Nuclear Matters Committee several of us have reviewed the above report. We submit the following questions for further clarification and comments.

1. The category "off normal". Would you please be specific about the regulatory status of this classification. Is this a BECO terminology? If so would you please state what NRC category the event would be classified as? Is this according to tech specs?

2. We are confused as to the exact number of people involved in the incident. Would you please tell us who was in the control room at the start of the incident? Who left the control room and went to the RICI guard? Who was the HP that arrived in the reactor building that did not have a key card time? In your answer could you include the qualifications and license numbers (both the NRC and Commonwealth).

Also would you please give specific details regarding the experience and training of the Nuclear Watch engineer? the Nuclear Operations Supervisor? the Reactor Operator? The lead I&C Technician? the two other I&C technicians sent to the RICI logic panels? The two operators who did the "tag outs". Please be specific to the type of experience on a Mark I boiling water reactor that these men have and how long they have worked for the Boston Edison Company?

3. It has been noted that this off normal event had the potential to develop into a Loss of Coolant type scenario. We would appreciate clarification on the actual number of incidents (no matter what the classification) that PNPS has had? We have been assured that a Loss of Coolant Accident is extremely unlikely. What is the statistical data that substantiates this claim? Is the history of PNPS in these matters reflected into those numbers?

4. Was the steam that came as the result of the RICI off normal incident radioactive? Was there any air born

contamination during the duration of the incident and the subsequent investigation?

5. On Wednesday ,May 10,1989 a local lobster man noticed steam coming from the stacks of Pilgrim I station. Local monitors substantiated higher numbers for background radiation readings?We were told that PNPS was in cold shut down at that time. Was PNPS venting on that date? If not what was the steam in the stack?

6.On Thursday May 11,1989 a man who first killed his wife and subsequently stole a plane from Logan airport . He then proceeded to " Buzz" Logan and the entire South Shore area for a number of hours. Selectwoman Alba Thompson has confirmed that a plane was cited in Plymouth and that the local Plymouth airport had been armed.Reports were that this plane was cited at the beginning of Rockey Hill Road less than 1/2 mile from PNPS.

Our concern focuses on the security at PNPS at that time.Was the NRC notified of the incident? What precautions are presently in place to deter any such maniacs?

Thankyou for your continued interest in the PILGRIM I NUCLEAR POWER STATION saga. Your prompt written response (ten working days) would be appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,
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Jane Fleming (EVAC leader)
Kate O'Brien

CC Senator Edward Kennedy
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