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August 16, 1989

Mr. E. William Brach, Chief
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Division of Reactor Inspection and Safeguards
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Brach:

This letter is additional correspondence concerning Docket Number 99900765/89-01, Notice of Violation to C & D Charter Power Systems, Inc., Plymouth Meeting, PA.

In his letter of August 2 to you, our President, Mr. Al Weber, committed to sending notice to all of our nuclear customers having our ARR Series 6 and 12 pulse three-phase chargers by August 15, 1989. This notice was to describe the problem of current limit adjustment and request their determination of reportability under 10CFR21.

Attached to this letter is a copy of these notices as you requested in your letter of July 21 to me. For the sake of convenience, I have included only one copy of the second page of the notice along with a copy of the front page of each individual notice, showing the addressee.

I will notify you when the additional action items promised by Mr. Weber have been completed so that you may take action as necessary to close out your files on this matter.

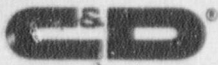
Sincerely,

J. K. Parmar
Director Quality Assurance

cc: A. Weber, W.B. Brecht, J.D. Princevall

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Carolina Power & Light Co.
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Attn: Director, Nuclear Licensing

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CORRECTIVE ACTION

The problem is corrected by adjusting the value of a preload resistor, which is part of the charger circuitry external to the printed circuit board. In some cases, this is an adjustable resistor and the solution proceeds without incident. In some models, this preload resistor is a fixed value so the user is required to obtain a replacement resistor to meet the current limit setting.

Permanent corrective action involves replacement of the fixed 600-ohm preload resistor with a 500-ohm adjustable preload resistor. Lower resistance allows a higher current limit setting, and the use of an adjustable resistor allows the resistance to be varied as necessary to permit final adjustment to be made on the printed circuit board to obtain the correct current limit setting.

C&D will provide the correct 500-ohm adjustable resistors to you as soon as all testing of this modification is completed as required by our internal configuration control procedures. We will also make a design change to incorporate this adjustable resistor in all future models currently affected by this problem. This will assure all future adjustments needed to integrate replacement printed circuit boards will be possible with adjustable components contained entirely within the charger. There will be no need to request additional replacement components.

Please evaluate the above information in light of your use of our chargers and respond with your determination of reportability under the terms of 10CFR21. Your response on this matter should be directed to my attention at the letterhead address.

Once again, we will be providing the correct replacement preload resistors to you as soon as our internal testing requirements are met. We expect to complete testing by September 30, 1989.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by mail or phone. I can be reached by direct dial at (215) 834-3289 and by FAX at (215) 828-9000 ext 427.

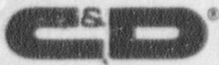
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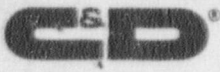
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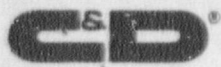
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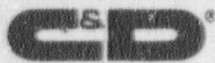
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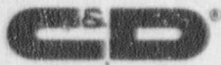
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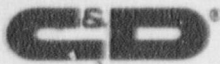
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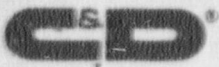
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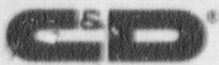
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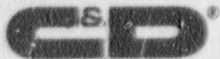
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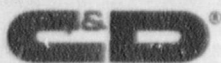
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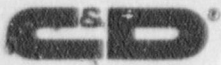
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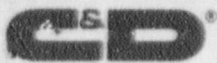
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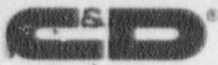
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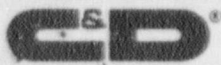
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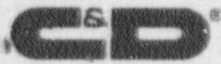
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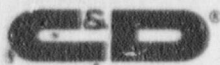
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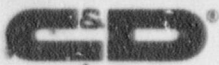
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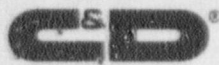
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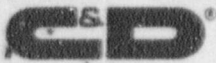
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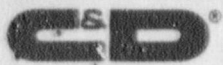
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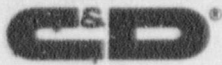
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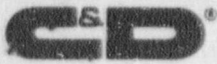
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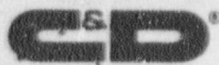
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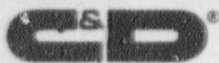
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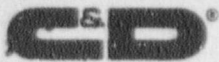
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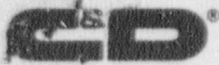
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