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Docket No. 50-267

Mr. R. O. Williams, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Williams:

SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATORY MEASURES INSTITUTED PER FIRE PROTECTION
OPERABILITY REQUIREMENT-16

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With regard to future modifications to add redundancy to your Appendix R safe shutdown trains, the staff considers the guidance noted above adequate. Public Service Company of Colorado does not need to submit these for formal staff review. The staff, of course, can inspect these changes in the same manner as other changes made under 10 CFR 50.59.

Please contact me at 301-492-1333 if there are any further questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kenneth L. Heitner, Project Manager
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