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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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November 15, 1999

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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF GENERIC LETTER 96-05 - LASALLE COUNTY STATION,  
UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M97060 AND M97061)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On September 18, 1996, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves," requesting each nuclear power plant licensee to establish a program, or to ensure the effectiveness of its current program, to verify on a periodic basis that safety-related motor-operated valves (MOV) continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within the current licensing bases of the facility.

On November 13, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) submitted a response to GL 96-05 notifying the NRC that it would establish a program at LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, to verify on a periodic basis that safety-related MOVs continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within the current licensing bases of the facility. On March 15, 1997, ComEd submitted a letter providing a summary description of the MOV periodic verification program planned to be implemented at LaSalle. ComEd provided an updated submittal on August 24, 1998, and a response to an NRC staff request for additional information on April 12, 1999.

The staff has reviewed your submittals and applicable NRC inspection reports for the MOV program at LaSalle and determined that ComEd has established an acceptable program to verify periodically the design-basis capability of the safety-related MOVs at LaSalle through its commitment to all three phases of the Joint Owners' Group (JOG) Program on MOV Periodic Verification. As discussed in the enclosed safety evaluation, the staff has concluded that ComEd is adequately addressing the actions requested in GL 96-05. The NRC staff may

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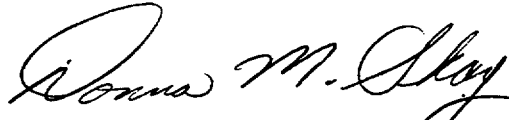
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna M. Skay". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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