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SUBJECT: NRC ENGINEERING INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-219/98-12

Dear Mr. Roche:

This refers to the engineering inspection conducted on December 14 - 18, 1998, January 6-7, 1999, and January 20 - 22, 1999, at your Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, and at your Parsippany, New Jersey, Office. The areas examined during this inspection included the review of: 1) your self-assessment of Oyster Creek environmental qualification (EQ) program; 2) your corrective actions for previously identified engineering open items; and 3) your implementation of Generic Letter (GL) 89-10 motor-operated valve program. At the February 4, 1999, telephone exit meeting, the findings were discussed with you, Mr. Art Rone, and others of your staff.

We determined you completed an in-depth self-assessment of the Oyster Creek EQ program. We noted your management was actively involved with the audit and provided appropriate personnel to support the audit. We also found your corrective actions for the design control issue of the Electromatic Relief Valve (EMRV) solenoids to be comprehensive.

We determined GPU has demonstrated the design basis capability of its safety-related motor operated valves. Based on the reviews completed and open items closed, the NRC is closing its review of the Generic Letter 89-10 Motor Operated Valve (MOV) Program at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. We understand that you will continue to address industry raised MOV issues such as the performance prediction methodology, stem friction coefficient, rate of loading, and those contained in Limitorque Technical Update 98-01, as part of your long term periodic verification per GL 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design Basis Capability of Safety Related Motor-Operated Valves." The NRC will review your long-term Program at a later date. //

No response to this letter is required, and your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

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