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NRC STAFF FINDS IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM
AND PROCEDURES SUFFICIENT FOR RESTART OF QUAD CITIES PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has determined that
Commonwealth Edison Company has made sufficient improvements in
the fire protection system and procedures at the Quad Cities
Nuclear Power Station for the plant to resume operations. The
two-reactor facility is located near Cordova, Illinois.

The utility plans to begin startup activities for Unit 2
immediately with Unit 1 startup to follow in about a week.

Unit 2 was shut down in September of last year, and Unit 1
was shut down in December after the utility found deficiencies in
the procedures and equipment which would be used to safely shut
the plant down in the event of a fire.

The NRC staff issued a Confirmatory Action Letter on January
16, documenting the utility's agreement to make necessary
improvements to the plant and shutdown procedures and to meet
with the NRC prior to resuming operation.

The NRC staff and utility representatives held bi-weekly
public meetings to review the status of improvement activities.
The final meeting was May 13.

NRC inspectors reviewed the plant's fire protection system
and procedure improvements earlier this month with a followup
inspection this week.

Based on the information presented in the meetings, the
inspection findings, and additional actions by the utility, the
NRC staff determined that the issues had been sufficiently
addressed for the plant to return to operation. The utility has
committed to complete additional reviews and modifications later
this year and during the next refueling outages for each unit.

The NRC staff's letter closing the Confirmatory Action letter is
on the NRC's internet web site:  http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports

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