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Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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License No. DPR-35
Docket No. 50-293

Response to IE Inspection No. 79-04

Dear Sir:

Inspection No. 79-04, dated April 26, 1979, contained one item of non-compliance. Boston Edison Company's response to that item is presented as follows:

Deficiency

Technical Specification (TS) 4.7.D.1.b(2) requires that reactor power be less than 50% when tripping the main steam isolation valves individually, and verifying closure time.

Contrary to the above, Procedure Number 8.7.4.4, Main Steam Isolation Valve Trip, written to satisfy the above TS requirement contained acceptance criteria allowing the surveillance test to be performed at a reactor power less than 60%, a less conservative value. Further, surveillance tests performed May 28, 1978 and February 18, 1978 were conducted at reactor power levels of 55% and 52.5%, respectively.

Response

Procedure Number 8.7.4.4 has been changed and is now in conformance with the 50% reactor power limitation as stated in the Technical Specifications. A Technical Specification change to remove the power restriction requirement is currently in draft form and will be submitted in a subsequent letter.

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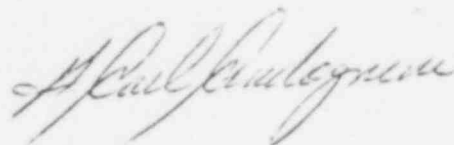
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At the present time we are in compliance in this area.

We believe that this letter is responsive to your concerns. However, should you have any further questions or concerns please contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Chaudron".