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In the Matter of )  
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COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY ) Docket Nos. 50-454 OL  
 ) 50-455 OL  
(Byron Nuclear Power Station, )  
Units 1 & 2) )

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Hon. Ivan W. Smith  
Administrative Judge and Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Judge Smith:

You have recently inquired regarding the Applicant's current estimates of the fuel load date for Byron Station Unit 1.

The Company has just concluded its semi-annual budget review. The target fuel load date for Byron Unit 1 remains August 31, 1983. The Company believes that fuel load by that date is achievable. Nonetheless, there are a substantial number of construction and pre-operational testing matters which must be concluded on a timely basis in order for fuel load to proceed on that date. Accordingly, as a planning contingency, the Company's budget for the project includes provisions which the Company believes sufficient to provide for a delay of up to four months in the fuel load date. Notwithstanding this planning contingency, Commonwealth Edison Company is devoting all resources necessary to achieve fuel load by the August 31, 1983 date.

I will, of course, keep the Board and parties informed of any developments with respect to the fuel load date for Byron Unit 1.

Sincerely,

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