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February 22, 1983

Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Environmental Qualification of Safety-Related
Electrical Equipment, Pilgrim Nuclear Power
Station, Unit No. 1, Dkt. No. 50-293

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Reference is made to your letter to Tom Dignan dated August 14, 1981, and his reply dated August 19, 1981, wherein it was proposed and agreed that you would hold Boston Edison Company's request for a hearing in the above-entitled matter in abeyance for up to 30 days after completion of Commission action regarding this question.

On January 21, 1983 the Commission published its final rule on the environmental qualification of electrical equipment. 10 C.F.R. § 50.49, 48 Fed. Reg. 2729 (January 21, 1983). The rule becomes effective February 22, 1983, at which time, presumably, Commission action will have been completed.

Boston Edison Company is in the process of reviewing § 50.49, and it is in the process of determining whether it wishes to reaffirm or withdraw its hearing request. It proposes to make that determination on or before March 24, 1983 (30 days after February 22, 1983) and we will advise you of its position by that date.

Very truly yours,


P. K. Gad III

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