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Re: In the matter of Commonwealth Edison Company
(Byron Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. STN 50-454 CL and STN 50-455 OL

Dear Administrative Judges:

This letter is submitted to the Appeal Board in accordance with the requirements of the McGuire decision. On February 18, 1984 and March 14, 1984, Commonwealth Edison Company nonconformance reports (NCR) were issued regarding discrepant welds in cable pan hangers supplied by Systems Control Corporation. Systems Control Corporation has been a supplier of cable pan hangers to both the Company's Byron and Braidwood sites. Earlier nonconformance reports regarding this matter were issued beginning in 1977 at Byron. When we learned of the February 18, 1984 NCR, we also determined that there were two open NCRs on the same subject; one issued at Braidwood in late December, 1982 and one issued at Byron in September, 1983. Hatfield Electric Company, the electrical contractor at Byron, has also issued nonconformance reports in 1983 and 1984 with respect to discrepant welds on cable pan hangers supplied by Systems Control Corporation.

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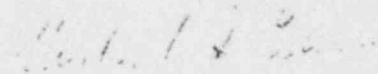
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The NCR issued at Braidwood regarding discrepant cable pan hanger welds was evaluated in writing on February 17, 1984 by Sargent & Lundy, the Company's architect-engineer for both Byron and Braidwood. The evaluation concluded that the cable pan hangers met design requirements without any necessity for repair. The Company expects to resolve the adequacy of the welds in Systems Control Corporation cable pan hangers at Byron in the near future. The NRC Staff is currently inspecting this same issue.

The statements found at page 23 of Commonwealth Edison Company's Initial Brief to the Appeal Board dealt with items furnished by Systems Control Corporation. However, the statements in the brief (which are a paraphrase of paragraphs D-104 and D-442 of the Licensing Board's initial decision) should now be read as excluding the weld discrepancies described in the open nonconformance reports.

Sincerely,



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