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Gentlemen:

**RETRACTION OF A 50.72 FOUR HOUR REPORT
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-354**

On January 26, 1996, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) made a four hour report pursuant to the provisions of 10CFR50.72(b)(2)(iii)(d). The report concerned an event where the Hope Creek Emergency Diesel Generators (EDGs) were declared inoperable on January 25, 1996 at 2140 hours. The EDGs were declared inoperable due to a degraded exhaust manifold insulation installation on all four EDGs. With the insulation removed (postulated to fall off in a seismic event), Engineering determined that EDG operation had the potential to actuate the fire suppression system, which could render the EDGs inoperable.

On February 12, 1996, Engineering completed a calculation which indicates that EDG operation, with this section of exhaust manifold insulation removed, would not actuate the fire suppression system. Since the EDGs would have remained operable with the degraded insulation installation, the associated four hour report was retracted on February 14, 1996.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this submittal, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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