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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Braidwood Station Unit 1  
Operating Interval Between Eddy Current Inspections for Circumferential  
Crack Indications in the Braidwood Unit 1 Steam Generators  
NRC Docket: 50-456

We have reviewed your letter dated May 2, 1996, in which you provided the Staff's opinion about our proposal to modify our commitment regarding the date for the initiation of a mid-cycle Braidwood Unit 1 steam generator tube inspection. Our original commitment, as subsequently clarified in our letter to you dated April 29, 1996, specified that Braidwood would initiate an inspection prior to July 13, 1996, if our proposed revision was found unacceptable.

Your letter states that in light of the recent Byron Unit 1 steam generator eddy current inspection data obtained during the present refueling outage, the Staff finds our proposed modification to our original commitment unacceptable. Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) understands the Staff's position and therefore, intends to conduct a midcycle inspection at Braidwood Unit 1 no later than July 13, 1996. ComEd continues to believe a technical basis exists which supports deferring the mid-cycle inspection until the fall. This information will be presented to you at a meeting during the week of May 13th. If after your review of this information you find it resolves your concerns, then ComEd requests that the Staff reconsider our request for a fall outage.

We look forward to meeting with you to further discuss this important topic.

Sincerely,

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