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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-354/96-04

Dear Mr. Storz:

This letter refers to your December 30, 1996 correspondence, regarding the status of your tagging program corrective actions.

Thank you for informing us of the revised corrective action schedule documented in your letter. These actions will be examined during a future inspection of you licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Gentlemen:

**UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF TAGGING PROGRAM CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-354/96-04
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-57
DOCKET NO. 50-354**

On June 7, 1996, the NRC issued Integrated Inspection Report 50-354/96-04 for the Hope Creek Generating Station. In that Inspection Report, the NRC requested that Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) provide information relative to the planned corrective actions regarding the Safety Tagging Program. On August 6, 1996, via letter LR-N96208, PSE&G described the key corrective actions taken and/or planned to improve the implementation of the Safety Tagging Program.

On October 31, 1996, via letter LR-N96345, PSE&G provided an update on the status of one of those corrective actions, specifically the revision to Safety Tagging Program procedure NC.NA-AP.ZZ-0015(Q). That letter stated that the procedure has been revised and approved by the Station Operations Review Committee at Salem and Hope Creek, but that revision of additional subordinate procedures and personnel training must occur prior to implementing that procedure. Implementation of the revised Safety Tagging Program was then rescheduled to occur by December 31, 1996.

Because of required resolution of issues raised during the Safety Tagging Program training (concerning tagging responsibilities and worker safety issues), PSE&G must reschedule implementation of the revised Safety Tagging Program. The revised Safety Tagging Program will now be implemented by January 15, 1997. This revised schedule will also require the extension of a commitment to evaluate the effectiveness of the corrective actions implemented to improve the Safety Tagging Program. This evaluation will now be implemented by March 1, 1997 instead of January, 1997.



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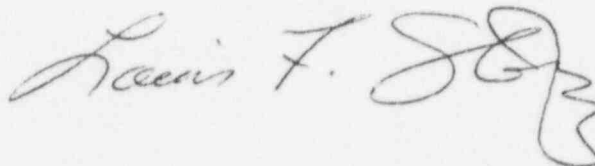
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