



Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
Rocky Hill Road
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

E. T. Boulette, PhD
Senior Vice President - Nuclear

February 7, 1997
BECO Ltr. #2.97- 012

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington D.C. 20555

Docket No. 50-293
License No. DPR-35

**Subject: Additional Information Regarding Pump Suction
Strainer Installation at Pilgrim Station**

Reference: Beco Ltr. # 2.96.092 Response to NRC Bulletin 96-03, dated November 1, 1996

In the referenced letter, Boston Edison addressed strainer clogging issues associated with NRC Bulletin 96-03 as it relates to Pilgrim Station's emergency core cooling system (ECCS) pump suction strainers. That letter outlined our plan to install larger strainers during refueling outage (RFO#11).

This letter provides supplementary information updating our intent regarding NRC Bulletin 96-03 and related modifications during RFO#11 (February 1997).

Pilgrim Station will install new ECCS suction strainers in RFO#11 to increase design margin relative to our existing licensing basis for debris generation (reference Reg. Guide 1.82 Rev. 1). The new strainers will be installed per our design change process under 10CFR50.59 since the modification represents a design change improvement within our current licensing basis.

This modification may represent Pilgrim Station's final resolution of Bulletin 96-03, but this cannot be determined until the Utility Resolution Guidance (URG) is formally approved by the NRC. We will address final resolution of Bulletin 96-03 in a separate correspondence.

As stated above, this letter updates our intent and contains no new commitments.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Peter Kahler at (508) 830-7939 in our Regulatory Affairs Department.

9702200068 970207
PDR ADOCK 05000293
G PDR

KRD/dmc/ieb96-03

[Signature]
for E.T. Boulette, PhD

1/0
Ltr 73

cc:

Mr. Alan B. Wang, Project Manager
Project Directorate I-1
Office Of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Mail Stop: 14B2
1 White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Senior Resident Inspector
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station