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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-352/96-07,
50-353/96-07; AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 27 through October 21, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Limerick 1 & 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 8-week period covered by this inspection period, conduct of activities at the Limerick 1 & 2 facilities was generally characterized by safe and conservative operations. The inspectors noted that operators and maintenance personnel conducted activities very well. Engineering support of activities was excellent. System managers were seen to be very involved in activities for their systems, which resulted in the resolution of issues quickly, and limited the time for systems to be in technical specification limiting conditions for operation. Additionally, management appeared to be involved in making conservative decisions and in supporting plant personnel in resolving issues. This resulted in, among other things, reducing the non-outage corrective maintenance backlog from approximately 900 in June 1996, to approximately 600 in October 1996.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in the subject inspection report. A temporary change was made to a transient response implementation plan procedure and was not reviewed and approved by the appropriate manager designated by administrative procedures within 14 days of implementation. Additionally, the inspector identified other concerns with your procedure temporary change process. The process did not assure the fidelity of temporary changes to programmatic controls for certain higher level procedures listed as plant impact procedures. Also, your controls for maintaining designated individuals with the authority to approve procedure changes were weak.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent its recurrence are already adequately addressed on the docket in the subject inspection report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not

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accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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