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April 10, 1997

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-354/96-03 AND 50-354/96-06

Dear Mr. Eliason:

This refers to a March 24, 1997 letter to us, signed by Mr. E. C. Simpson that updated and revised commitments that your organization made for design and licensing basis training, as described in a letter to us, dated November 22, 1996.

We have reviewed your revised commitments and find them acceptable.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Gentlemen:

**SUPPLEMENT TO REPLY TO NOTICES OF VIOLATION
LETTER WITH PAYMENT OF CIVIL PENALTY
INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-354/96-03 AND 354/96-06
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-57
DOCKET NO. 50-354**

In letter dated November 22, 1996, (LR-N96379) Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) committed to provide design and licensing basis training to engineering personnel. Specifically, PSE&G committed to the following long term corrective actions:

1. Corrective Action II.E.1 and Corrective Action III.E.1 of Attachment 2:

A Design and Licensing Basis Overview Training Course is being developed and will be available to Engineering Support Personnel by March 31, 1997. The training will emphasize the importance of the design and licensing basis, and the role each individual has in the safe conservative operation of the plants.

2. Corrective Action II.E.2 and Corrective Action III.E.3 of Attachment 2:

System specific design basis training covering the contents, use of, and importance of design bases and licensing bases will be established and conducted for System Managers and Design Engineers by March 31, 1998.

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Mr. James Lieberman
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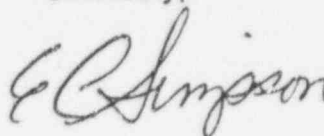
By this letter, the completion date for corrective actions II.E.1 and III.E.1 in Attachment 2, regarding design and licensing basis training of Engineering Support Personnel, is being extended from March 31, 1997 to April 30, 1997. By March 31, 1997, approximately 75% of the approximately 350 Engineering Support Personnel will have been trained. The remaining personnel have been scheduled for training during the month of April.

In addition, corrective actions II.E.2 and III.E.3 in Attachment 2, regarding system specific design basis training of System Managers and Design Engineers, are being deleted. The deletion of these commitments is appropriate given the actions and commitments discussed in Attachment 2 of PSE&G's response, dated February 11, 1997, to the NRC's "Request for Information Pursuant to 10CFR50.54(f) Regarding Adequacy and Availability of Design Bases Information". These actions and commitments are expected to result in improvements in the understanding of the design bases similar to the original commitment.

These commitment changes were evaluated in accordance with the "Guideline for Managing NRC Commitments", Revision 1, issued by the Nuclear Energy Institute on June 9, 1995. The guideline recommends timely notification of revised commitments to the NRC when the original commitments were identified as a long term corrective action in response to an NRC Notice of Violation. PSE&G is hereby notifying the NRC that PSE&G is modifying the above commitments.

Should you have any questions or comments on this transmittal, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Mr. James Lieberman
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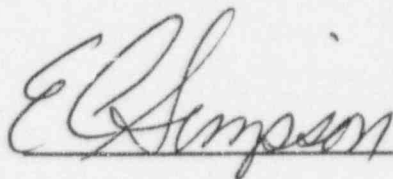
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E. C. Simpson, being duly sworn according to law deposes and says:

I am Senior Vice President - Nuclear Engineering of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and as such, I find the matters set forth in the above referenced letter, concerning the Hope Creek Generating Station, are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 24th day of March, 1997


Notary Public of New Jersey

KIMBERLY JO BROWN
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires April 21, 1998

My Commission expires on _____