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Trojan Nuclear Plant  
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Mr. John B. Martin  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Sir:

IE Bulletin 84-03, Refueling Cavity Water Seal

In our November 30, 1984 response to IE Bulletin 84-03, Refueling Cavity Water Seal, Portland General Electric (PGE) Company committed to lower the rod control cluster (RCC) change fixture in the refueling cavity at the Trojan Nuclear Plant during the 1986 refueling outage to preclude uncovering fuel assemblies during a postulated loss of refueling cavity water seal.

Due to unforeseen complexities in the design change required to lower the RCC change fixture, this modification will not be completed during the 1986 outage. Since the job must be performed during an outage, this means that the modification cannot be completed until the 1987 outage.

It should be noted, however, that the other changes to which PGE committed in the November 30, 1984 letter are not affected:

1. Plant procedures have been modified to instruct plant personnel on recognizing and mitigating the consequences of a refueling cavity water seal failure.
2. A low-level alarm will be installed in the refueling cavity during the 1986 outage.

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The above changes, plus the fact that failure of the refueling cavity seal is a highly unlikely event due to the seal's design, ensure that this delay in modifying the RCC change fixture will not have any safety significance.

Sincerely,

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