June 16, 1997

Mr. John G. Cook Senior Vice President Clinton Power Station Illinois Power Company Mail Code V-275 P. O. Box 678 Clinton, IL 61727

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-461/97005(DRP)

Dear Mr. Cook:

On May 14, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Clinton Facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

The inspection focused on how issues were identified and addressed. We concluded that personnel were able to raise issues using the condition report process, or, in the case of quality assurance personnel, using the audit finding process. However, because of past experience some individuals were concerned about the long term effectiveness of the revised condition reporting system. We also determined that quality assurance personnel had sufficient organizational independence to identify issues. No violations of NRC requirements were identified during this inspection.

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,

/s/ J. L. Caldwell

James L. Caldwell Deputy Regional Administrator

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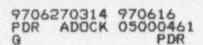
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