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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Seabrook Station
"Alternative Requests for the Second Ten-Year Interval
Inservice Inspection Program"

On March 6, 2000 North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic) forwarded to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inservice Inspection (ISI) program alternative requests (00-01 and 00-02). As a result of this submittal, a telephone conference was held on July 12, 2000 to discuss a NRC question pertaining to Alternative Request 00-02. This alternative request outlines the North Atlantic proposal to delay the implementation of certain aspects of the Second Ten-Year Interval ISI program as described in NRC Information Notice 98-44 "Ten-Year Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program Update for Licensees that Intend to Implement Risk-Informed ISI of Piping."

Specifically, the NRC questioned (based upon the timing of the submittal and the required NRC review period) whether North Atlantic would be prepared to complete the required percentage of inspections for the First Inspection Period of the Second Interval as required by the Table IWB-2412-1 of the 1995 Edition (including 1996 Addenda) of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code). North Atlantic responded to this inquiry by identifying that the proposed 2-year delay will not affect its ability to comply with the ASME Code required percentages in the First Inspection Period of the Second Interval.

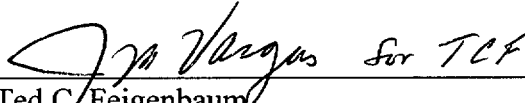
Accordingly, North Atlantic will comply with the ASME Code required percentages for the First Inspection Period of the Second Interval for ASME Class 1 piping. The North Atlantic commitment associated with this letter is enclosed.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Manager - Regulatory Programs, at (603) 773-7194.

Very truly yours,

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