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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2  
DOCKET NO. 50-261/LICENSE NO. DPR-23

**RESULTS OF TELECONFERENCE -  
REQUEST FOR RELIEF REGARDING  
SURFACE EXAMINATION OF REACTOR PRESSURE  
VESSEL NOZZLE-TO-SAFE END WELDS (RELIEF REQUEST NO. 32)**

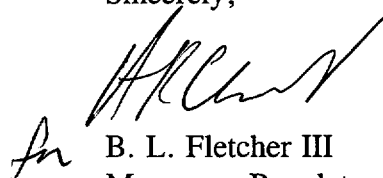
Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated March 21, 2001, H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2, submitted Relief Request No. 32 requesting relief from the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code, Section XI, regarding surface examination requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) nozzle-to-safe end welds. By letter dated March 30, 2001, HBRSEP, Unit No. 2, provided supplemental information to support the staff's review of Relief Request No. 32.

This relief request was the subject of a teleconference with the NRC staff on April 5, 2001. As a result of this teleconference, Mr. H. N. Berkow, NRC, NRR, indicated verbal staff approval of an alternative examination in lieu of the Code-required surface examination. The alternative examination will be a VT-2 visual examination conducted in accordance with the ASME Code, Section XI, IWA-5242, "Insulated Components." The staff's written evaluation of this relief request will be forthcoming in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. H. K. Chernoff.

Sincerely,



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