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Seabrook Station
"Withdrawal of Inservice Test Program Relief Request PR-3"

On March 21, 2000, North Atlantic Energy Services Corporation (North Atlantic) forwarded the 2nd Ten-Year Interval Inservice Test (IST) Program Plan and associated relief requests to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for review and approval. As a result of this submittal, North Atlantic received a request for additional information regarding the subject relief request and others. The North Atlantic responses to the requested information were provided to the NRC by letter (NYN-00070) dated August 18, 2000. The NRC subsequently approved relief request PR-3 pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) for an interim period of two years, as documented in a letter to North Atlantic dated November 1, 2000.

Relief request PR-3 was submitted by North Atlantic due to the difficulty in meeting the comprehensive pump suction pressure test instrument accuracy requirements (ISTB 4.7.1(a)) for the service water ocean and service water cooling tower pumps. The NRC authorized approval of relief request PR-3 for an interim period of two years to permit North Atlantic to evaluate the pressure differential pressure accuracy of the service water pumps and determine if any compensatory actions were necessary to meet the intent of the Code requirements. North Atlantic has explored various instrumentation options and has determined that the Code requirements can be met by the use of alternative instrumentation. Subsequent comprehensive testing of the subject pumps has been performed in accordance with the requirements of the Code. Since the requirements of the Code are being met, North Atlantic hereby requests to withdraw relief request PR-3.

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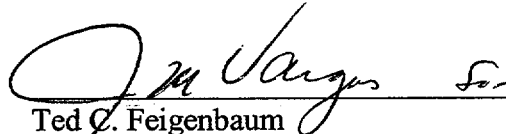
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Very truly yours,

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