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Docket Nos. 50-348  
50-364

Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. S. A. Varga

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 and 2  
Proposed Technical Specification Change for Leakage  
Testing of Reactor Coolant System Pressure Isolation Valves

Gentlemen:

By letters dated July 5, September 27 and November 28, 1983, Alabama Power Company noted certain exceptions to and provided justifications for the partial reliefs granted by the NRC in letters dated April 8 and May 2, 1983 relative to ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI requirements for inservice testing for pumps and valves. By NRC letter dated January 26, 1984, the Inservice Testing Safety Evaluation for the Farley Nuclear Plant was revised to reflect portions of the Section XI relief requested.

Item 5 of the January 26, 1984 letter also stated that the Farley Nuclear Plant Technical Specifications "will be revised ... when Alabama Power Company provides the necessary request" relative to the reactor coolant system pressure isolation valves. Attached is the proposed technical specification changes in accordance with the guidance provided in the NRC letter dated January 26, 1984. This change will standardize both the Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specification formats for testing of the reactor coolant pressure isolation valves and defines the allowable leakage criteria per NRC guidance included in the September 8, 1983 Safety Evaluation for Unit 2 Amendment No. 25. This change request supplements and supersedes the permanent change requests dated August 10 and December 23, 1982 for Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 and 2. In order to support the Unit 2 third refueling outage and Unit 1 sixth refueling outage, NRC approval is requested by October 6, 1984.

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This proposed change does not involve a Significant Hazards Consideration as defined in 10CFR50.92. The change is similar to example (iv) of "Examples of Amendments that are Considered Not Likely to Involve Significant Hazards Considerations" listed in 48FR14870 dated April 6, 1983. The proposed change is similar in that the change requests relief from an operational restriction which can now be granted based upon prior NRC staff review.

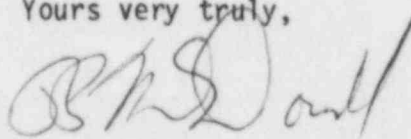
The Plant Operations Review Committee has reviewed this proposed change. The Nuclear Operations Review Board will review this proposed change at a future meeting.

This proposed technical specification change is considered to be a Class III Amendment for Unit 1 and Class I Amendment for Unit 2 pursuant to 10CFR170.22. Since this change request is a supplement to previous submittals, no additional fees are required. It is requested that any License Amendment resulting from this request be made effective on the date of its issuance.

Pursuant to 10CFR50.90, three (3) signed originals and 40 copies of this proposed change are enclosed. In accordance with 10CFR50.91(b)(1), a copy of this letter and its attachment have been provided to Dr. I. L. Myers, the designated representative of the State of Alabama.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Yours very truly,

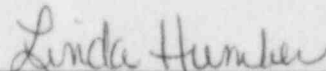


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Attachment

cc: Mr. R. A. Thomas  
Mr. J. P. O'Reilly  
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Mr. W. H. Bradford  
Dr. I. L. Myers

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME  
THIS 10th DAY OF April, 1984



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-10-87