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Attention: R. B. Samworth, Senior Project Manager

Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301
IN-SERVICE INSPECTION PUMP AND VALVE PROGRAM
REQUESTS FOR RELIEF (PUMPS)
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

Enclosed is a change to our Pump and Valve In-Service Test Program. The change is an additional request for relief for testing auxiliary feedwater pumps following a recent modification to that system. Additionally, Relief Request PRR-5, which previously dealt with the testing of auxiliary feedwater pumps, no longer applies to the system as modified and is withdrawn.

It is our understanding, based on the contents of NRC Generic Letter 89-04 and the regional follow-up meetings, that requests for relief normally require NRC approval prior to placing them into practice. However, because we have no installed method by which to precisely control flow for the affected system, we will implement the enclosed request immediately. Immediate implementation will allow us to prevent declarations of pump inoperability for which ASME Section XI has no guidance or corrective action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'James J. Zach'.

James J. Zach
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Enclosure

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RELIEF REQUEST PRR-20

UNITS:

1 and 2

COMPONENTS:

Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps, 1P-029, 2P-029, P-038A and P-038B

SECTION XI REQUIREMENT:

Reference values are defined as one or more fixed sets of values of the quantities shown in Table IWP-3100-1, as measured or observed when the equipment is known to be operating acceptably. (IWP-3110)

BASIS FOR RELIEF:

The auxiliary feedwater pumps are tested by operating the pumps in a recirculation mode through a fixed, flow-limiting orifice. There is no means within this line to throttle flow and pumps are tested with all valves in the circuit fully open. This manner of operation prevents the setting and maintaining of a single, specific reference value as read on the installed digital flowmeter.

ALTERNATE TESTING:

The "reference value" for these pumps shall be a loci of values located on either side of a specific value. The range of the upper and lower limits of the reference values shall be small enough to provide adequate assessment of equipment operation.

The tolerance around the selected value shall be not more than ± 2 percent.

RELIEF REQUEST PRR-5

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