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Gentlemen:

**WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION  
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION  
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-57  
DOCKET NO. 50-354**

Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G), in our letter LR-N96044, dated February 20, 1996, requested exemption from the requirements of 10CFR50, Appendix J, Section III.D.3 for the Hope Creek Generating Station. The exemption would have permitted performance of Type C containment leak testing (Local Leak Rate Test) during power operation as well as during each reactor shutdown for refueling.

PSE&G currently plans to submit a request for a Technical Specifications change that will permit implementation of 10CFR50 Appendix J, Option B, as delineated in Regulatory Guide 1.163, "Performance-Based Containment Leakage Test Program". Inasmuch as the provisions of Option B will eliminate the need for the above exemption, PSE&G hereby withdraws our request from NRC consideration for approval.

Should there be any questions regarding this submittal, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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