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Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

SUBJECT: RANCHO SECO NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION - REQUEST FOR RELIEF
FROM INSERVICE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR REACTOR COOLANT PUMPS

By letter dated January 28, 1983, we sent you a Safety Evaluation with an attached Technical Evaluation Report in which requests for relief from certain examination and testing requirements of Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (the Code) were evaluated. The requests were either denied or granted. One of the requests that was denied was relief from examination of the reactor coolant pumps. By letter dated March 5, 1985, you transmitted a revision to your original request. We have completed our review of the revised relief request and have concluded that your proposed alternative examinations of the reactor coolant pumps will provide the necessary assurance of the pumps' structural integrity.

We have determined that the Code requirements are impractical and that the relief request is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest giving due consideration to the burden that could result if the requirements were imposed on your facility. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(a)(g)(6)(i), we hereby grant the requested relief from Section XI of the Code requirements for the Reactor Coolant Pump casing welds and internal surfaces.

Our Safety Evaluation is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

*ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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Safety Evaluation

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ENCLOSURE

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
REQUESTS FOR RELIEF FROM ASME CODE SECTION XI
EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REACTOR
COOLANT PUMP CASING WELDS AND
INTERNAL SURFACES

SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
RANCHO SECO NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
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I. BACKGROUND

Technical Specification 4.2.2 for the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station states that inservice examination of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 components shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable addenda as required by 10 CFR 50.55a(g) except where specific written relief has been granted by the Commission. By letter dated January 28, 1983, the NRC transmitted to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) a Safety Evaluation with an attached Technical Evaluation Report in which requests for relief from certain examination and testing requirements of Section XI for Rancho Seco were evaluated and the requests either granted or denied. The granting or denying of the requests was based on information submitted to the NRC by SMUD by letters dated July 18 and December 10, 1979, and April 19, 1982, in the inservice inspection program, revisions, or additional information related to requests for relief from the Code requirements for Ranch Seco.

By letter dated March 5, 1985, SMUD transmitted to the NRC a revision to the request for relief from examination of the reactor coolant pumps at Rancho Seco. This request had been denied in the Safety Evaluation/Technical

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