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SUBJECT: R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - RELIEF REQUEST NO. 35 - USE OF
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (ASME) SECTION XI
CODE , 1995 EDITION, 1996 ADDENDA FOR THE FOURTH 120-MONTH
INSERVICE INSPECTION (ISI) INTERVAL (TAC NO. MA6334)

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

By letter dated October 26, 1999, you requested approval of relief request number 35 that would allow you to use the ASME Section XI Code, 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda for the development of your fourth 120-month Interval ISI Program on Class 1, 2, and 3 components, with the exception of Containment ISI requirements of IWE and IWL. Containment ISI will continue to meet the requirements of the 1992 Edition including the 1992 Addenda to the ASME Code, Section XI, Subsections IWE and IWL. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(4)(ii) you would have been required to use the ASME Section XI Code, 1989, Edition, for the fourth 120-month Interval ISI Program update. A rule change allowing licensees to use the ASME Code Section XI, 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda for ISI programs on Class 1, 2, and 3 components was approved by the Commission and published in the Federal Register (64 FR 51370) on September 22, 1999, and became effective on November 22, 1999. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(4)(iv) "Inservice examination of components and system pressure tests may meet the requirements set forth in subsequent editions and addenda that are incorporated by reference in paragraph (b) of this section, and subject to Commission approval." Therefore, because the ASME Code Section XI, 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda is now incorporated by reference in 10 CFR 50.55a(b)(2), you are approved to use the ASME Code Section XI, 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda for your fourth 120-month Interval ISI program which began on January 1, 2000, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(4)(iv).

Sincerely,

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