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**WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE
CONCERNING HPCI AND RCIC SURVEILLANCE TESTING**

By letter dated May 11, 1999, Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station requested NRC review and approval for a proposed change to Pilgrim Technical Specification section 3/4.5.C, "High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI)" system; section 3/4.5.D, "Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC)" system; and the Bases associated with these sections. The proposed change increased the upper limit of the reactor pressure range for each system and changed the 150 psig pump surveillance test to specifically allow the test to be conducted at a lower flow rate with the restricting orifice installed in the test line.

Withdrawal Request

Pilgrim herein withdraws the May 11, 1999, proposed change.

Reason for Withdrawal

The design review of the HPCI and RCIC systems performance characteristics supporting the proposed change continued after its submittal. This design review suggests that the proposed change may be enhanced. Therefore, Pilgrim will resubmit the proposed change at the conclusion of the design review.

Current testing conducted in accordance with Pilgrim procedures ensures the HPCI and RCIC systems are capable of performing their design safety functions. Both systems are operable.

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Commitments

No new commitments result from this withdrawal.

Please contact P.M. Kahler at (508) 830-7939 if you should require further information on this issue.

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