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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

POINT BEACH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (ITS), SECTION 3.7.4

1. The Atmospheric Dump Valves (ADVs) are remote air-operated and manual-operated valves and the ADV block valves are local manually operated (only) valves upstream of the ADVs. Both are credited with being manually closed to isolate a stuck-open ADV and with being manually reopened to establish ADV flow. The proposed surveillance requirement in ITS 3.7.4 is to manually exercise the ADVs and the ADV block valves at an 18-month frequency with no steam pressure or steam flow required for the exercise tests. Provide design and/or qualification information which verifies that the ADVs and the ADV block valves are capable of being manually closed and opened within the required time period for the postulated ADV blowdown conditions. How will the proposed surveillance test with no pressure or flow assure that the valves continue to be capable of being operated under pressure and flow conditions?

2. Since the ADV block valves are gate valves and may be required to be reopened after being closed, provide verification that the valves will not be subject to thermal binding and/or pressure locking after being closed, or, if the valves are subject to thermal binding and/or pressure locking, provide the corrective actions taken to assure the valves can be successfully reopened.