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Gentlemen:

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND RELIEF
REQUEST - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
EXCESS FLOW CHECK VALVE TESTING REQUIREMENTS
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-57
DOCKET NO. 50-354**

On April 11, 2001, PSEG Nuclear LLC submitted a request for a revision to the Technical Specifications (TS) and a request for relief from the requirements of the Inservice Testing Program for the Hope Creek Generating Station (HC). This submittal provides additional information as requested by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Hope Creek Project Manager, Mr. Richard Ennis, during a telephone conference on May 10, 2001. In accordance with 10CFR50.91(b)(1), a copy of this submittal has been sent to the State of New Jersey.

The proposed change relaxes the TS requirements for testing of excess flow check valves (EFCVs) for Hope Creek. NRC has requested further information regarding corrective actions for future test failures. As discussed in the submittal, failures will be tracked in the corrective action program and the testing and Maintenance Rule programs will be modified to include EFCVs. The failure criteria will establish a trigger level such that additional testing will be required in the case of one failure of an excess flow check valve to check flow. The number of additional valves to be tested, the types and locations of the valves and any additional criteria will be included in the appropriate program documents.

Should you have any additional questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. John Nagle at 856-339-3171.

Sincerely,

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