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Docket Nos. 50-272/311

Posted

Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger  
Vice President and Chief Nuclear  
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*Temporary Waiver to DPR-70*

Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

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Rita Jaques,  
ARM/LFMB

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE (TAC NOS. 71097/71098)

RE: SALEM GENERATING STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2

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By letter dated October 4, 1989, PSE&G requested relief from implementing Amendments 101 and 78 until prior to startup following the next plant shutdown to Mode 3, Hot Standby.

The NRC staff has concluded a preliminary review of your request and agrees that a plant shutdown to verify and lock open the valves is unnecessary. The fact that the valves have been verified open provides some reasonable assurance that the vent path is available if needed. Therefore, the implementation of Amendments 101 and 78, forwarded by letter dated August 28, 1989 and Correction Letter dated September 27, 1989, shall be delayed until the NRC staff can issue amendments with implementation to be prior to reactor startup following the next shutdown to Mode 3.

This Temporary Waiver of Compliance shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the amendments are issued or a plant shutdown to Mode 3 occurs.

Sincerely,

John F. Stolz for /S/

Bruce A. Boger, Assistant Director  
for Region I Reactors  
Division of Reactor Projects I/II  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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[TAC NOS 71097/8]

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