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Dear Mr. Stewart:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XI REQUIREMENTS
REGARDING INSERVICE TESTING OF INSIDE CONTAINMENT RECIRCULATION
SPRAY PUMPS FOR SURRY UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. 65555 AND 65556)

By letter dated April 16, 1987, as supplemented December 4, 1987, and January 29, 1988, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a, paragraph g(5), you requested relief from certain ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code) Section XI requirements with regard to inservice testing requirements for the inside containment recirculation spray pumps.

In our letter of January 6, 1988, we granted an interim relief until February 29, 1988, from the hydraulic testing requirements for the inside containment recirculation spray pumps for Surry Units 1 and 2. We also stated that the relief may be extended after you have established a reasonable schedule for completing the piping modifications required to perform the hydraulic testing of these pumps.

In your January 29, 1988 letter, you informed us that you intend to install the required modifications and test the pumps by the completion of the 1988 refueling outages for each unit; which are presently scheduled to start in the first week of April 1988 for Unit 1 and September 1988 for Unit 2. Based on your schedules, you requested an extension of the interim relief until you have completed the modifications in the coming outages for each unit.

We have reviewed your request. Based on our review of the new information, we have determined that you have taken appropriate steps to complete the required modifications at both units, and the conclusion of our Safety Evaluation enclosed with our January 6, 1988 letter is applicable through the additional interim period. Therefore, we have concluded that the relief may be extended as requested.

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For the relief that has been granted, we have determined that the ASME Code Section XI requirements are impractical and that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i), the relief is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest, giving due consideration to the burden on VEPCO that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility now.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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