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In subsequent telephone discussions with your staff on February 20, 1986, we were informed that five of the six welds identified above had not been inspected since 1976. Further it was estimated that the following refueling outage would not occur until January 1988.

Based on our review of your submittal, and in consideration of the information provided during the telephone discussions, we cannot conclude that adequate technical bases have been provided to support your relief request.

If VEPCO decides to provide additional justification or information to support this relief request, future submittals should include discussions of the technical acceptability of an extended inspection period for these welds, beyond that permitted by the Code, which would provide reasonable assurance of acceptable weld condition and continued safe operation.

Sincerely,


Lester S. Rubenstein, Director
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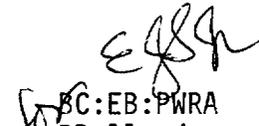
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