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Dear Mr. Eury:

SUBJECT: SCHEDULAR RELIEF FROM ASME CODE, SECTION XI, REQUIREMENTS -  
TRAVERSING INCORE PROBE SHEAR VALVES - BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC  
PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, (TAC NOS. 71798 AND 71799)

By letter dated January 6, 1989, you requested relief from the schedular requirements of Section XI of the ASME Code pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(5). Relief was requested to extend the allowable time for testing of traversing incore probe (TIP) shear valves for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP), Units 1 and 2. Justification was provided for extending the allowable time for performance of the tests for ninety days. Although it was determined that the valves themselves would test successfully, there was a high probability that the firing circuits would be damaged. Time was needed to modify the firing circuits so they could not be damaged during the test. Once this was accomplished, the test could be performed. By letter dated April 10, 1989, you notified the NRC staff that the TIP shear valves' actuation circuitry was modified, and the valves were satisfactorily tested within the requested ninety day extension. Since the valves were successfully tested during the requested ninety day period, the staff has decided that there is no need to grant relief.

The staff is, however, concerned as to the administration aspects of the relief request. CP&L knew about this problem in June of 1988, and did not request relief until the last minute. The submittal was dated January 6, 1989, and the relief was needed by January 10, 1989. This puts an unnecessary burden upon the staff in addressing schedular relief requests. Improvements should be made in the future in regard to the administrative approach to these problems.

This letter completes the staff's work on your January 6, 1989 request.

Sincerely,

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