

June 27, 2002

Mr. Howard Bergendahl
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SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1 - WITHDRAWAL OF
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE TO 10 CFR 50.55a(f)(4)(ii), INSERVICE
TESTING REQUIREMENTS: RELIEF REQUEST RG-3 FOR THE SECOND
10-YEAR INTERVAL (TAC NO. MB1726)

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Staff approval for Relief Request RV-2 will not be adversely impacted by the withdrawal of Relief Request RG-3. Therefore, the staff approves your request to withdraw Relief Request RG-3. This completes staff activity on TAC No. MB1726.

Sincerely,

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