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SUBJECT: R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM
RELIEF REQUEST PR-2 (TAC NO. MB7232)

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Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.55a(f)(4)(iv) states that inservice testing of pumps and valves may meet the requirements set forth in subsequent editions and addenda that are incorporated by reference in 10 CFR 50.55a(b), subject to NRC approval. Portions of editions or addenda may be used provided that all related requirements of the respective editions and addenda are met. The 1998 Edition up to and including the 2000 Addenda of the ASME OM Code were incorporated by reference in 10 CFR 50.55a(b) on September 26, 2002 (67 FR 60520), with no modifications or limitations placed on ISTB requirements. Therefore, the request to use the portions of a later Code and Addenda associated with the inservice testing of pumps at Ginna submitted by RG&E in its letter dated January 9, 2003, is approved pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(f)(4)(iv).

Sincerely,

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