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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RELAXATION FROM INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS OF ORDER EA-03-009

SAINT LUCIE, UNIT 2

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1. Relaxation Request #1 is based on flaw evaluation report "Structural Integrity Evaluation of Reactor Vessel Upper Head Penetrations to Support Continued Operation: St. Lucie Unit, 2," Westinghouse Electric Co., LLC, WCAP-16038-P Revision 0, March 2003. Please provide a copy of this report. If the report contains proprietary information, submit a request for withholding in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 and provide a non-proprietary version.

2. Relaxation Request #2 is based on the inaccessibility of some areas of the reactor pressure vessel head surface. Drawings presented to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff are not clear as to the accessibility between the incore instrumentation nozzles and the shroud ring/insulation panels. Describe the accessibility to this area to allow a 100 percent inspection of the nozzle-to-top-of-head interface region and to provide assurance that no corrosive product has entered the shroud ring-to-vessel interface area.

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