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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
DOCKET NO. 50-261/LICENSE NO. DPR-23

WITHDRAWAL OF RELIEF REQUEST IST-RR-8 FOR
INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE TESTS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated October 7, 2003, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC), formerly known as Carolina Power and Light Company, requested relief for H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2, from the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code for Operations and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants (OM Code), 1995 Edition with 1996 Addenda, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). Specifically, relief was requested from Subsection ISTB 4.2(c), which requires performance of Comprehensive Tests in accordance with ISTB 5.2.3 at an inservice test frequency specified by Table ISTB 5.1-1.

In telephone conferences with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff on Thursday, January 22, 2004, and Thursday, February 19, 2004, PEC representatives were informed that additional data and information were needed for continued review of this relief request. Given the continuing efforts to revise the relevant sections of the ASME OM Code and the expected level of effort required to prepare the additional information for consideration by the NRC staff, PEC has decided to hereby withdraw this request. A future relief request on this subject may be submitted depending on revisions to the applicable sections of the ASME OM Code.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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