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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR UNIT 1 - RELIEF VALVE INSERVICE TESTING RELIEF REQUEST
(TAC M93695)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

By letter dated September 26, 1995, Tennessee Valley Authority submitted a request for relief from certain ASME Code inservice testing (IST) requirements pertaining to baseline tests of several relief valves in several systems. Specifically, this request seeks a one-time relief from performing baseline tests on certain system relief valves in a manner that includes a 10-minute hold time between two consecutive set pressure tests of the valves, and from documenting temperature stability on set pressure tests of the relief valve preservice tests as required by Operations and Maintenance Standard OM-1.

The staff's evaluation and conclusions are detailed in the safety evaluation (Enclosure 1). Based on the information submitted, the staff concludes that, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii), it is appropriate to grant TVA's request for a one-time relief from the ASME Code preservice baseline testing requirements since compliance with these requirements would result in a hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety. This completes the staff's effort.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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