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Subject: Acceptance Review for TACs ME4861 and ME4862- Salem 1 and 2 - Relief from ASME Code Pressure Test for Service Water Buried Piping

Jeff,

By letter dated October 12, 2010, PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) submitted relief requests S1-I4R-102 and S2-I3R-104 for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The proposed reliefs would allow PSEG to use an alternative examination for buried piping in the service water system in lieu of pressure tests required by ASME Section XI, IWA-5244. The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(a)(3)(i) and 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed relief requests in terms of the applicable regulatory requirements. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1420.

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