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Subject: ME6879 - Acceptance - V.C. Summer U/1 Request for Relief from ASME Code for Alternative RV Weld Inspection Interval

Dear Mr. Thompson:

By letter dated August 16, 2011, SCE&G submitted a request for relief from the requirements of the ASME Code to the inspection interval for pressure retaining welds in the reactor pressure vessel and for full penetration welded nozzle welds for VCSNS Unit 1. In that letter, SCE&G requested this relief by January 12, 2012. However, SCE&G stated by email 11/7/2011, that April 12, 2012 is the station's milestone for having all outage planning complete.

The purpose of this letter 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 request has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your request and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified in "requests for additional information" despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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