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Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: Susquehanna Units 1 and 2 Relief Request No. 2012-001 to use the later Edition of the Code TAC Nos. ME7902 & ME7903

SUBJECT: PPL Susquehanna, Units 1 and 2– ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: Relief Request No. 2012-001 for the use of subsequent American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants (ASME OM Code) requirements at Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2. (TAC Nos. ME7902 & ME7903)

By letter dated January 31, 2012, as supplemented by letter dated February 13, 2012, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, subsection 50.55a(f)(4)(iv), the licensee requested to apply the requirements of Subsection ISTA (in its entirety), paragraph ISTC-5222, and Mandatory Appendix II (in its entirety) of the 2004 Edition of ASME OM Code through 2006 Addenda for the check valves in the Check Valve Condition Monitoring Program for the remainder of the Third 10-Year Interval for the Inservice Testing Program which began on June 1, 2004, and is scheduled to end on May 31, 2014 at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Unit 1 and Unit 2, subject to the limitations and modifications listed in 10 CFR 50.55a(b). The purpose of this communication is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of the relief request.

The acceptance review of the relief request 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.

The NRC staff has reviewed your applications 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 amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. 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.

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