

February 21, 1995

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SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 - SECOND TEN-YEAR INTERVAL
INSERVICE INSPECTION REQUEST FOR RELIEF NO: 94-02 (TAC NO. M88994)

Dear Mr. Hampton:

By letter dated March 2, 1994, you submitted Request for Relief No. 94-02 from certain ASME Code requirements that you determined to be a hardship or unusually difficult to perform at Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1, during the second 10-year interval inservice inspection. Request No. 94-02 requested approval to examine a feedwater header weld at normal system operating pressure in lieu of a system hydrostatic pressure test, which was a condition of a previous relief for this weld.

The NRC staff has reviewed and evaluated your request and has determined that performance of the testing would impose an undue hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety due to the inability to isolate the weld from the steam generator. The staff has concluded that the use of your proposed alternate testing will provide reasonable assurance of the structural reliability of this weld, and is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). The staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Herbert N. Berkow, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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