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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - RELIEF REQUEST 96-01
OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 (TAC NOS. M94895,
M94896, M94897)

Dear Mr. Hampton:

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During our review of the submittal, we have identified that the following additional information is needed before the relief request can be processed:

- 1) Provide the coverages obtained by each scan performed on the subject welds. Also provide an explanation, including sketches if necessary, describing how the interferences, joint configuration, and piping geometry prevent 100 percent coverage.
- 2) The justification for this relief includes ultrasonic examination of the welds, including inside radii, to the extent practical within the limits of original design and construction. Are the nozzle inner radius sections to be addressed in this relief request? If so, the information requested in question number 1 will be required for the inner radius sections also.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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