UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-220

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

NOTICE OF GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM ASME CODE SECTION XI INSERVICE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission), has granted relief from certain requirements of the ASME Code, Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components" to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee). The relief relates to the inservice inspection program for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (the facility) located in Oswego County, New York. The ASME Code requirements are incorporated by reference into the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Part 50. The relief is effective as of the date of issuance.

The action provides relief from performing certain inspections as required by the ASME Code, Section XI that are impractical because of the facility design. Alternative inspections and testing will be performed where practicable.

The request for relief complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the letter granting relief and accompanying Safety Evaluation.

The Commission has determined that the granting of this relief will not result in any significant environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this relief.

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For further details with respect to this action see: (1) the application for relief dated May 2, 1980; (2) the Commission's letter dated September 19, 1983; and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, DC and at the State University College at Oswego, Penfield Library-Documents, Oswego, New York 13126. A copy of Items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 19th day of September, 1983.

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