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Subject: Acceptance Review - Salem 1 and 2 Relief Request SC-14R-171 Regarding Use of Alternatives to Code Case N-695 and N-696 (MF9348 & MF9349)

Paul and Brian,

By letter dated March 1, 2017 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17060A477), PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) submitted a relief request for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The request would authorize the use of alternatives to the depth sizing requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, Appendix VIII, Supplements 2 and 10 as modified by Code Case N-695, "Qualification Requirements for Dissimilar Metal Piping Welds," and Code Case N-696, "Qualification Requirements for Mandatory Appendix VIII Piping Examinations Conducted From the Inside Surface."

The purpose of this email is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this relief 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 application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(z)(1) and 50.55a(z)(2) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application 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 relief 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 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.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 150 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review by your requested date of October 6, 2017. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date (greater than a month) or significant changes in the forecasted hours (greater than 25%), the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates will be communicated, during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

These estimates are based on the staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information and unanticipated addition of scope to the review. Additional delay may occur if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance of or in parallel with industry program initiatives or pilot applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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