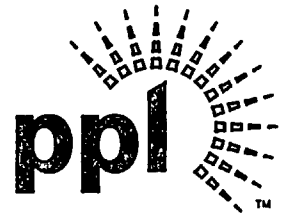




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**SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION  
RESPONSE TO NRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION DATED JULY 8, 1998 ON RELIEF REQUEST  
NO. 15 FOR INSERVICE INSPECTION PLAN FOR PUMP  
AND VALVE OPERATIONAL TESTING FOR UNITS 1 AND 2  
PLA-5001**

Docket Nos. 50-387  
and 50-388

This letter provides PP&L, Inc.'s response to the NRC's letter dated July 8, 1998 requesting additional information regarding Inservice Testing Relief Request No. 15, and also provides a follow-up to an October 26, 1998 phone conversation with NRC staff.

Following a more thorough review of historical pump data for the Control Structure Chilled Water pumps, PP&L is electing to withdraw Relief Request No. 15 from the Inservice Testing Program Plan. Pump flow rates and differential pressures will be determined and compared with corresponding reference values and limits as required by OMa-1988, Part 6, paragraph 5.2(d) and Table 3(b).

The premise of the original request for relief was that the operation of the control structure chilled water pumps was automatic and produced substantial variations in system flow and inverse variations in differential pressure, which precluded strict compliance with OMa-1988, Part 6, paragraph 5.2(d). In conjunction with the first revision of the relief request, several enhancements were made to the surveillance testing procedure in an attempt to improve the methodology by which data is collected for flow and differential pressure. Pump performance test results since this improvement have confirmed that the magnitude of the variations of both flow and differential pressure are within Code limits. New reference values and limits were calculated based on these recent test results. Comparison of the recent test results with the new acceptable limits supports our ability to fully comply with the Code requirements of OMa-1988, Part 6, paragraph 5.2(d) and Table 3(b). As a result of

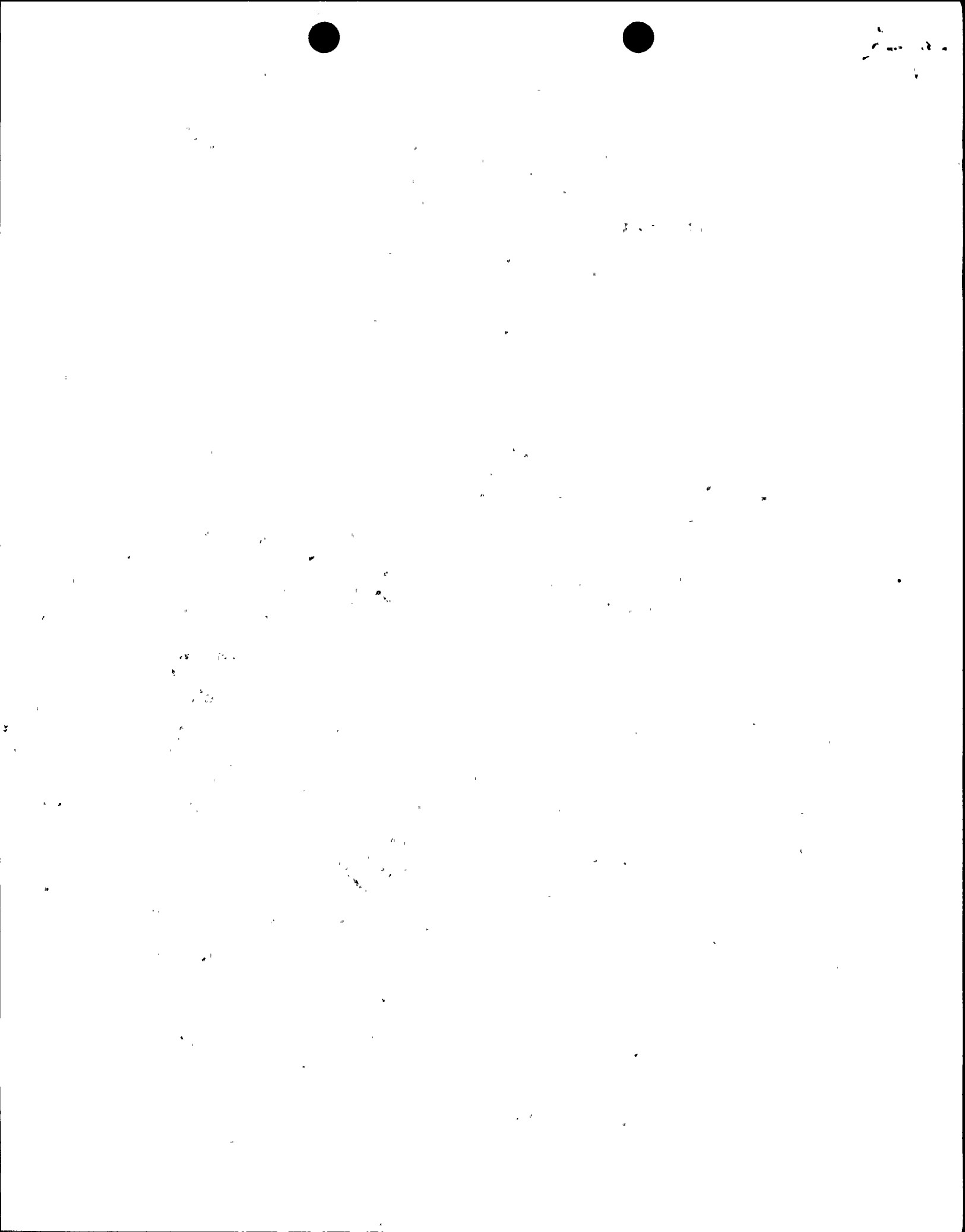
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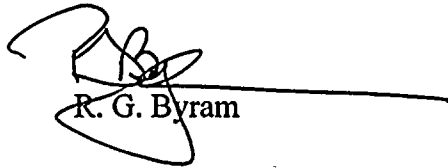
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this, relief from the Code requirements is no longer required and Relief Request No. 15 is being withdrawn.

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