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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF RELATED TO THE THIRD TEN-YEAR INTERVAL ISI
PROGRAM - DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 (TAC NOS.
M92421 AND M92422)

Dear Mr. Farrar:

By letter dated February 24, 1994, as supplemented by letter dated April 6, 1994, Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee) submitted Revision 3 to the third ten-year interval inservice inspection (ISI) program plan. Revision 3 requested the staff's review and approval of Relief Request PR-14, Revision 1, PR-18 and CR-17.

Our evaluation of relief requests PR-14 and PR-18 was forwarded to you by letters dated May 25, 1994, and July 1, 1994, respectively.

Relief request CR-17 requested approval for the implementation of the alternative rules of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code) Section XI, Code Case N-524 dated August 9, 1993, entitled, "Alternative Examination Requirements for Longitudinal Welds in Class 1 and 2 Piping Section XI Division 1," pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3) to be applied to the ISI program for Dresden, Units 2 and 3.

The staff has reviewed relief request CR-17. The staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE). The staff has concluded that the licensee's proposed alternative use of Code Case N-524 for Dresden, Units 2 and 3, is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) as compliance with the specified requirements of Section XI would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety. Use of Code Case N-524 is authorized until such time as this Code case is published in a future revision of Regulatory Guide 1.147. At that time if you intend to continue to implement this Code case, you are to do so by incorporating any limitations issued in Regulatory Guide 1.147.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-237, 50-249

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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