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October 12, 1999

SUBJECT: RELIEF FROM ASME CODE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM THIRD 10-YEAR INTERVAL FOR ST. LUCIE PLANT, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. MA6404)

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The ISI program relief request which is granted herein is acceptable for implementation. The granting of relief is based upon the fulfillment of any commitments made by the licensee in the basis for the relief request and the alternative proposed.

The NRC hereby grants relief from a Code requirement and imposes an alternative for ISI RR-5, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 50.55a(g)(6)(i), in that the staff finds the Code requirement is impractical and imposes an alternative that is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest giving due consideration to the burden on the facility that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility.

Sincerely,
 Original signed by:
 Sheri R. Peterson, Chief, Section 2
 Project Directorate II
 Division of Licensing Project Management
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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