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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Frank J. Miraglia, Chief  
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Gentlemen:

AUXILIARY FEEDWATER SYSTEM  
NOS. 1 AND 2 UNITS  
SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION  
DOCKET NO. 50-272 AND 50-311

PSE&G's letter of July 1, 1980 indicated that, in order to provide assurance that inadvertent failure (or closure) of the suction valve from the Auxiliary Feedwater Storage Tank (AF1) will not result in a degraded condition of the Auxiliary Feedwater System, the internals of the valve would be removed. This modification was discussed with, and approved by, the NRC staff and would provide conformance with recommendation GL-2 of NUREG-0611.

This letter documents an alternate proposal, described below, which has been discussed with, and approved by the NRC staff.

Valve AF1 is installed in an inverted position. The valve will be radiographed to ensure an open flow path. The yoke bushing and stem will be drilled and pinned in the open position and the handwheel will be removed. The valve stem will be left intact to provide visual evidence that the valve is open.

We believe that this alternate modification also provides adequate conformance with recommendation GL-2 of NUREG-0611.

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Should you have any questions in this regard, do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



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