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Gentlemen:

REQUEST FOR ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT 4.8.2.3.2 (b) (1)
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-70
SALEM GENERATING STATION
UNIT 1
DOCKET NO. 50-272

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) requests Enforcement Discretion from the provisions of Technical Specification surveillance requirement 4.8.2.3.2 (b) (1), for individual cell (no. 47) voltage on the 1C 125 volt battery for a 24 hour period beginning 9:04 AM on August 24, 1993. As discussed in Attachment A to this letter, PSE&G has concluded that granting this request will not be a potential detriment to public health and safety, or involve adverse environmental consequences. Additionally, this request does not involve a significant safety hazard.

Salem Technical Specifications state that at least once per 92 days, the voltage of each connected cell must be verified greater than or equal to 2.13 volts under a float charge. We are requesting Enforcement Discretion because one cell of a sixty cell 125 volt battery has a voltage below the surveillance specified value of 2.13 volts. A new replacement cell has been ordered and is expected to be installed today (8/24/93). Jumpering out the degraded cell could resolve the issue, however, this action requires disconnecting the entire battery from the bus/battery charger while completing the single cell jumpering. During this period when the battery charger is supplying the DC bus without the normal battery load, a loss of battery charger or excessive output fluctuations (charger is not designed to operate independent of the battery) could result in a plant trip.

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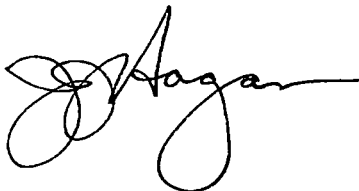
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This request was reviewed and approved by the Salem Station Operations Review Committee (SORC), and discussed with NRC Regional and NRR representatives during conference calls on August 23 and 24, 1993. The NRC verbally approved this request upon completion of the August 24 telecon. This letter provides the written followup to those discussions.

Should you have any questions concerning this transmittal, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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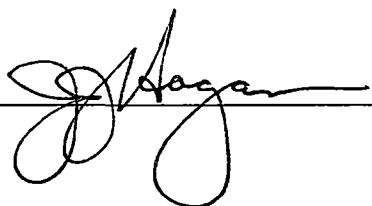
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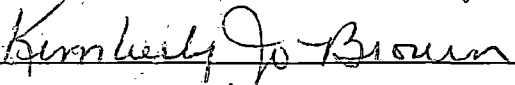
STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
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COUNTY OF SALEM)

J. J. Hagan, being duly sworn according to law deposes and says:

I am Vice President - Nuclear Operations of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and as such, I find the matters set forth in the above referenced letter, concerning the Salem Generating Station, Unit No. 1, are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 24th day of August, 1993



Notary Public of New Jersey

KIMBERLY JO BROWN
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires April 21, 1998

My Commission expires on _____