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SUBJECT: USE OF ASME CODE CASE N-508 FOR ROTATION OF SNUBBERS AND PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTING, SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, AND HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION (TAC NOS. M89976, M89977, AND M89978)

Dear Mr. Eliason:

By your letter of July 21, 1994, you requested NRC approval for the use of ASME Code Case N-508, "Rotation of Serviced Snubbers and Pressure Relief Valves for the Purpose of Testing," for the purpose of snubber and pressure relief valve inservice testing. According to the Code Case, snubbers and pressure relief valves may be rotated from stock and installed on components (including piping systems) within the Section XI boundary, provided the requirements as listed in the Code Case are met. This Code Case was approved by ASME and published on March 11, 1993. However, the staff has not yet generically approved the use of this Code Case. It should be noted that a revision to the Code Case (N-508-1) was approved by ASME on May 11, 1994, which provides additional information about specific differences between certain editions of the ASME Code, but otherwise has the same provisions of Code Case N-508.

You indicated in the above letter that your ISI group utilizes a computer database program to track the current test results of all snubbers by type, rating and serial number. This database provides specific information that identifies a snubber's physical plan location at any point in time. A similar independent tracking system for pressure relief valves will be used. The staff concurs that this tracking mechanism, which is required by item (f) of Code Case N-508, will assure proper record keeping of the status of testing for each of the snubbers and pressure relief valves in the plant.

You also indicated that by utilizing the Code Case, use of an NIS-2 form, "Owner's Report for Repairs and Replacements," which is currently required by Section XI whenever a snubber or pressure relief valve is removed, will now be required only after the component fails a functional test (reference items (g) and (i) of the Code Case), which is performed during an outage. Testing of removed snubbers and pressure relief valves, including required sample expansions, will be performed in accordance with the owner's test programs (reference item (h)).

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Based on the information provided, the staff finds that the use of Code Case N-508 (or the revision N-508-1) does not create any technical or administrative changes that would impact the existing ISI Programs, IST Programs, or Technical Specifications for Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations. The staff, therefore, recommends approval of your request as stated in the above July 21, 1994, letter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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