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**CHANGE TO IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD FOR
REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATOR TESTING
SALEM GENERATING STATION UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES DPR-70 AND DPR-75
DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311**

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

On September 25, 1996, Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) submitted a request for change to the Salem Unit 1 and 2 Technical Specifications (TS). The proposed changes to the TS Specification 3/4.8.1, "Electrical Power Systems," revise the Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) voltage and frequency limits as a result of updated EDG load calculations and eliminate ambiguity in the testing methodology for EDG start timing.

In the September 25, 1996, request for change to the TS, PSE&G requested that the amendment be made effective on the date of issuance, but allow an implementation period of sixty days. Due to the current high level of activities associated with the restart of Salem Unit 1 and the unplanned outage for Salem Unit 2, PSE&G is requesting that the NRC allow for an implementation period of 90 days to provide for sufficient time to complete the associated administrative activities associated with implementation of the amendment. Implementation of this TS amendment will require the revision of numerous operations procedures associated with the testing of the EDGs. The longer implementation period will allow PSE&G to effectively integrate the procedure revisions needed to implement this TS change with the activities necessary to support the successful restart and power ascension program for Salem Unit 1. As noted during the Salem Unit 2 restart effort, a clear focus on restart activities is essential to ensure that the restart of Salem Unit 1 is eventless. Extension of the

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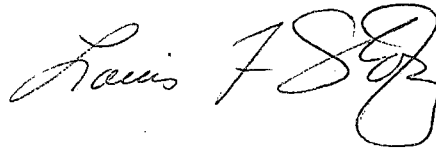
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implementation period for this TS amendment will allow PSE&G to maintain a primary focus on the activities necessary to achieve an eventless restart of Unit 1.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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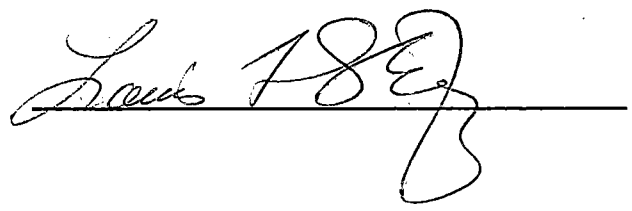
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Louis F. Storz, being duly sworn according to law deposes and says:

I am Senior 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, Units 1 and 2, are true to the best of my knowledge.



Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 16th day of March, 1998


Notary Public of New Jersey

My Commission expires on _____
KIMBERLY JO BROWN
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires April 21, 1999