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 $\hbox{U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission}\\$

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Gentlemen:

Surry Power Station Unit 1 will be performing a repair within a system boundary designated as ASME Class 2 during the upcoming maintenance outage scheduled to begin October 2. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a paragraph g(5), relief is requested from certain post repair test requirements delineated in ASME Section XI. The following basis is provided.

Specifically, it is planned to replace a 1 1/2 inch drain valve which is just upstream of the main steam trip valve (drawing attached). The governing code, ASME XI 77W78, requires a hydrostatic test for such a repair/replacement. As evidenced by the attached drawing this would require a hydrostatic test of the entire steam generator and a considerable portion of large main steam piping. Thus, a hydrostatic test would be especially difficult and impractical.

Alternate testing proposed is liquid penetrant and visual examination supplemented by an inservice leakage test at hot shutdown which is approximately 125% of normal operating pressure.

We contend that adequate basis for relief is presented above and that the proposed alternate testing provides adequate assurance of the integrity of the two $1\ 1/2$ inch welds affected.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Leasburg

Enclosure

cc: Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director Office of Inspection and Enforcement Region II A001

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