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Gentlemen:

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
SURRY POWER STATION UNIT 1
WITHDRAWAL OF RELIEF REQUEST SR-014

Virginia Electric and Power Company submitted a request for relief from certain ASME Section XI Code requirements associated with partial examinations in our letter dated April 23, 1996 (Serial No. 96-138). Relief Request SR-014 was included in this submittal and addressed welds 1-01 (terminal end welds) on seal injection piping connected to the reactor coolant pumps on all three Reactor Coolant System loops. The relief was requested because it was believed that the main flange bolts of the associated reactor coolant pump (RCP) had to be removed to make these welds accessible for performing surface examinations.

However, Surry Unit 1 was recently removed from service to repair a leak on the seal injection line connected to the "C" RCP. During the evaluation and repair of the leak, it was discovered that, although very difficult, these welds could be accessed for performing surface examinations. Therefore, Relief Request SR-014, which was approved by the NRC in their Safety Evaluation Report dated August 30, 1996, is not required and is being withdrawn.

A similar relief request is in place for Surry Unit 2. It has not yet been determined if these welds can also be examined. Therefore, the welds will be reevaluated during upcoming refueling outages, and, if it is determined that the welds can be examined without disassembly of the reactor coolant pump main flange bolting, the Surry Unit 2 relief request will also be withdrawn.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



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Commitment Summary

1. The Surry Unit 2 terminal end welds on the seal injection piping connected to the reactor coolant pumps on all three Reactor Coolant System loops will be reevaluated during upcoming refueling outages. If it is determined that the welds can be examined without disassembly of the reactor coolant pump main flange bolting, the applicable Surry Unit 2 relief request will also be withdrawn.