Docket Nos: 50-280 and 50-281

Mr. W. L. Stewart Senior Vice President - Nuclear Virginia Electric and Power Company 5000 Dominion Blvd. Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Dear Mr. Stewart:

SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION (SE) OF THE INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM RELIEF

REQUESTS FOR PUMPS AND VALVES, SURRY POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

(TAC NOS. M83324 AND M83325)

By letter dated February 21, 1992, you submitted Relief Request V-50 for the Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2 Inservice Testing (IST) program. You requested interim relief from the ASME Code, Section XI, IWV-3520, "Tests for Check Valves," requirements for exercising and closure testing of certain check valves. Moreover, you requested time to develop appropriate valve exercising and closure verification test methods as an acceptable alternative to Section XI requirements as provided by the NRC in Generic Letter (GL) 89-04, "Guidance on Developing Acceptable Inservice Testing Programs."

Based on (1) your plans to develop and implement the use of non-intrusive testing techniques for these valves, (2) consideration of the time involved to develop and implement a non-intrusive monitoring alternative test, and (3) the current alternative test method providing an acceptable level of quality and safety for an interim period, the alternative for you to continue the current test method for an interim period is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i), provided you implement a non-intrusive test method, for these valves, for application during the process of achieving cold shutdown, following the 1993 Unit 2 refueling outage.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed By)

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