

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-219JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANYNOTICE OF GRANTING INTERIM RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XIINSERVICE INSPECTION (TESTING) REQUIREMENTS

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted interim relief from certain requirements of the ASME Code, Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components" to Jersey Central Power & Light Company. The relief relates to the inservice inspection (testing) program for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (the facility) located in Ocean County, New Jersey. The ASME Code requirements are incorporated by reference into the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Part 50. The relief is effective as of its date of issuance.

The interim relief relates to the ASME Code requirements for inservice inspection and testing which have been determined to be impractical within the limitations of design, geometry, and materials of construction of components. Imposition of these requirements would result in hardships or unusual difficulties without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety. This interim relief is granted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i), pending completion of a detailed review of the licensee's September 6, 1979 submittal.

The interim relief complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the letter granting interim relief. Prior public notice of this action was not required since granting of interim relief from ASME Code requirements does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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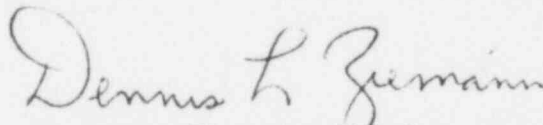
The Commission has determined that the granting of this relief will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the request for relief dated September 6, 1979, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated January 14, 1980.

These items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. and at the Ocean County Library, Brick Township Branch, 401 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick Town, New Jersey 08723. A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 14th day of January, 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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