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and 50-362

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: SECOND 10-YEAR INTERVAL INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM  
(10 CFR 50.55a(f)) FOR THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING  
STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3 (TAC NOS. M87283 AND M87284)

The NRC staff has performed a preliminary review of the relief requests and alternate frequency justifications contained in the second 10-year interval Inservice Testing (IST) program submitted by your letter dated August 17, 1993. Based on this review, the staff concludes the IST program is reasonably complete with respect to all components required to be in the program.

We have not yet completed our final review nor issued our final Safety Evaluation (SE). However, based upon our preliminary review of the relief requests, we have determined that, for the interim an acceptable level of safety will be provided by the proposed alternative testing, and therefore, interim relief is granted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). This determination is based upon the fact that this interim relief extends a relief formerly given and extending this relief does not increase the likelihood of an accident. Further, the relief requested is similar to other reliefs granted for similar conditions. We have concluded that during the interim period there is reasonable assurance of the operational readiness of the pumps and valves to perform their safety-related functions. Since the interim approval does not represent the results of the final program review, the final SE could contain relief request denials or identify components that should be added to the San Onofre IST Program. Therefore, you are authorized to implement your proposed program as described in the above-cited submittal.

Until we complete our detailed review of the IST program, you must comply with both the existing Technical Specifications (TS) and the proposed IST program. Thus, the granting of this relief from the ASME Code does not relieve you from any of the requirements in the existing TS.

When our detailed review of your submittal is complete, we will issue a final SE of your program. Completion of this review may require additional information which will be requested by separate correspondence. Our SE may

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The staff has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i) approval of the interim reliefs is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security. The staff has also concluded that granting the approvals is otherwise in the public interest considering the burden that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility. The interim relief will terminate upon issuance of our final SE.

Sincerely,

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