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Dear Mr. Cahill:

SUBJECT: IST RELIEF REQUEST FOR RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL (RHR) PUMP DISCHARGE CHECK VALVES

Enclosed is the safety evaluation granting interim approval of your Inservice Testing (IST) relief request from the full flow testing requirements for the RHR pump discharge valves, as required by your commitment to Section XI of the ASME code. Your request was submitted to the NRC by letter dated January 28, 1991. The interim approval is granted until the September 1991 refueling outage, to allow you to evaluate alternative testing flow paths. As discussed in the enclosure, we request that between now and September 1991, you evaluate use of the return line to the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST), and if that proves unacceptable, to evaluate use of the normal shutdown cooling flow path.

As stated in your January 28, 1991 letter, the NRC had granted interim relief for the RHR suction check valves, and we are currently reviewing your relief request to full flow test the suction valves only at refueling outages. If the RWST return line is found to be a viable test path, we understand that you will modify or withdraw your relief request for these valves, as well as the relief request for RHR pump discharge check valves. If your relief requests are modified or withdrawn, the NRC staff finds it acceptable for Comanche Peak Unit 1 to continue operation until the next cold shutdown of sufficient duration to allow testing of the RHR pump suction and discharge valves. This continued operation is acceptable based on the acceptable condition of the RHR pump suction and discharge valves during full flow testing conducted in January 1990.

If you have any questions, contact Jim Clifford at (301) 492-1323.

Sincerely,
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