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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GENERIC LETTER 88-01,
"NRC POSITION ON IGSCC IN BWR AUSTINITIC STAINLESS STEEL PIPING"
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-354

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) is in receipt of your December 7, 1990 letter, which inquires as to when PSE&G will respond to the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation (SE) and Viking Systems International's Technical Evaluation Report (TER) regarding our responses to Generic Letter 88-01.

PSE&G has prepared a license amendment that addresses all of the items identified in the above SE and TER with the exception of the Generic Letter-recommended technical specifications change incorporating a limit of a 2 gpm increase in any 24 hour period or less. Our original response to this recommendation described an additional feature of the Hope Creek Generating Station (HCGS) leakage detection system which provides an alarm when there is an increase of one gpm in the measured leakage rate and stated that **corrective actions** associated with receipt of that alarm ensure prompt identification of, and response to, RCPB leakage. The TER stated that, since PSE&G did not describe the **corrective actions**, our position should be rejected and that the **2 gpm in any 24 hour period or less** requirement should be added to the HCGS technical specifications.

PSE&G's proposed alternative uses existing equipment and procedures that provide leakage information and specify actions that are already more conservative than current requirements of our technical specifications. It is our concern that the Generic Letter-recommended technical specifications could require either modification of existing leak detection equipment or the addition of new measurement capabilities to ensure station compliance.

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We are presently working with NRC staff toward a mutual agreement on this remaining issue and, assuming a timely resolution, would expect that our amendment request, incorporating all open Generic Letter 88-01 issues, will be submitted by mid-March, 1991.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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