

December 5, 1983

Docket No. 50-333

Mr. J. P. Bayne  
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Nuclear Generation  
Power Authority of the State  
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Dear Mr. Bayne:

RE: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

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By letter dated September 1, 1978, as revised February 13, 1980 and March 18, 1983, you submitted your inservice testing (IST) program description and request for relief from testing requirements, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g) for the James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the results of the staff review of your relief requests, to grant relief in part from the requirements of Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (the Code), and to impose other requirements, as appropriate.

The review of requests for relief from the pump and valve testing requirements of the Code included in your submittals through March 18, 1983, has been completed. Based on the results of this review, the staff has determined where relief can be granted as requested. However, there are cases where alternate testing is necessary. Additionally, it has been determined that the scope of the IST program should be increased to include certain safety related pumps and valves in other plant systems.

Your submittals through March 18, 1983, and the staff's Safety Evaluation address the remainder of the first ten year inspection interval for your facility. Therefore, the relief granted and the alternate testing imposed covers the period of November 28, 1978 through July 27, 1985. If, during your continued implementation of the program or after completing the requested evaluation for increased scope, you determine that additional relief is needed, you should submit a supplemental request for relief and provide justification for your request.

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Section 50.55a(g) of 10 CFR Part 50 requires that your program be revised at 120 month intervals beginning with the start of commercial operation. The next inservice testing interval for your facility begins July 28, 1985. Your inservice inspection and testing program must be based on the edition and addenda of the Code incorporated by 10 CFR 50.55a(b) 12 months prior to that date. Any changes to your Technical Specifications require submittal at least six months prior to the beginning of a 120 month interval and you should request any relief from Code requirements on the same schedule. The staff review of your relief requests for your next interval will be conducted on a schedule based on the program revision requirements for your facility and will be scheduled for completion by July 28, 1985. Until that time you should follow the inservice testing program submitted by your letters dated February 13, 1980 and March 18, 1983, modified as described herein and by any further relief granted or additional testing imposed during the remainder of the period. Any relief from Code requirements granted herein expires on July 27, 1985.

The enclosed Safety Evaluation delineates those items for which relief has been granted and defines alternate schedules and procedures. The staff has determined that where the stated Code requirements are impractical the granting of this relief is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest considering the burden that could result if they were imposed on your facility. The staff has further determined that this action does not conflict with the Fitzpatrick Technical Specifications.

A copy of the related Notice of Granting of Relief is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by/

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