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Mr. Stanley P. Johnson, CEO The Johnson Gage Company 534 Cottage Grove Road Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in response to your letter of October 24, 1994, which related your comments and objections regarding the Code interpretations transmitted to me in a letter from the ASME dated October 4, 1994. After review of your comments by the cognizant NRC staff, we reaffirm our support of the interpretations in the October 4, 1994 letter. Moreover, as you are aware, only the designated ASME Code committees can render official interpretations of Section III. I suggest that you refer this matter to the ASME Code or submit your own inquiries for consideration. By copy of this reply, I am sending your letter to Mr. Roger Reedy, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Nuclear Power, Section III.

Sincerely Hickman

Keith R. Wichman, Chief Material Integrity Section Material and Chemical Engineering Branch Division of Engineering Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

cc: Roger Reedy w/Johnson ltr

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