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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XI INSERVICE INSPECTION OF

SAFETY-RELATED SNUBBERS, SECOND TEN-YEAR INTERVAL, MCGUIRE NUCLEAR

STATION, UNIT 2 (TAC NO. M89699)

Dear Mr. McMeekin:

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The NRC staff has reviewed your request and concluded that compliance with the sample clan in the McGuire, Unit 2 TS 4.7.8.e2) will provide an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i), your request for relief is granted. Our evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Herbert N. Berkow, Director Project Directorate II-3 Division of Reactor Projects - I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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