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Docket No. 50-354

Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger
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Officer
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Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

SUBJECT: POST ACCIDENT SAMPLING SYSTEM (PASS) INSERVICE TESTING RELIEF
REQUEST, HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION (TAC NO. M82200)

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) submitted a relief request in a letter dated November 15, 1991, and a revised relief request in a letter dated January 14, 1992, for post-accident sampling system fast-acting solenoid valves RC-SV-8930A and RC-SV-8903B. In the original relief request, PSE&G requested an extension of the test interval for stroke-time and fail-safe testing these valves from quarterly, as required by ASME Section XI, to a refueling outage frequency. The revised relief request proposed to perform the stroke-time and fail-safe testing during cold shutdown in accordance with the provisions of IWV-3412, "Exercising Procedure" and IWV-3415, "Fail-Safe Valves."

The extension of the test interval from quarterly to during cold shutdowns does not required NRC approval because the extension is allowed by ASME Section XI. The NRC's response to Question 102 in the October 25, 1989, "Minutes of the Public Meetings on Generic Letter 89-04," states the following:

"Cold shutdown justifications were previously reviewed by NRR for adequacy. In the future, they will be reviewed during IST inspections. The cold shutdown justifications are expected to be described in the IST program the licensee provides to the NRC staff."

The requested relief should be documented as a cold shutdown justification and included in the Hope Creek IST Program. Generic Letter 89-04 provides guidance regarding the applicable documentation and reporting requirements. Although an NRC evaluation is not provided, the basis for cold shutdown

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Sincerely,

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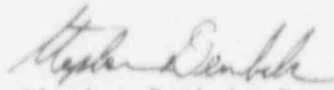
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