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September 20, 1995

Mr. Guy R. Horn
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SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION - WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM THE
REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 50.55a: HIGH PRESSURE COOLANT INJECTION
(HPCI) TURBINE EXHAUST LINE PRESSURE BOUNDARY (TAC NO. M93037)

Dear Mr. Horn:

By letter dated July 21, 1995, the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) requested relief from the requirements of Paragraphs IWA-7110 and IWA-7210 of Section III of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, for the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS). Specifically, you requested relief to allow a 10-inch diameter branch connection, joined to the HPCI turbine exhaust line by a fillet weld instead of a full penetration weld, to remain in service. The ASME Code requires that ASME Code Class 2 branch connections be installed using full penetration welds. NPPD requested relief from the ASME Code requirements for the third 10-year Inservice Inspection (ISI) interval, scheduled to commence on January 1, 1996.

By letter dated December 23, 1994, NPPD had previously requested similar relief for the weld in question on a permanent basis. In our letter dated February 7, 1995, the NRC staff granted the requested relief, but only for the duration of the second 10-year ISI interval. In the staff's safety evaluation accompanying the February 7, 1995 letter, the staff indicated that NPPD would have to reapply for relief for the next 10-year ISI interval, or replace the fillet weld in question with a full penetration weld in conformance with the ASME Code requirements. As a result, you submitted the July 21, 1995 relief request.

In planning for the upcoming CNS refueling outage, we understand that you have subsequently decided to replace the subject fillet weld with a full penetration weld. In a telephone conversation on September 14, 1995, between Mr. Robert Godley of your staff and me, Mr. Godley confirmed that NPPD wishes to withdraw the relief request of July 21, 1995. Consequently, we consider

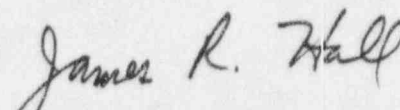
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your request for relief, dated July 21, 1995, to be withdrawn, and the NRC staff's review of that request is now closed. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1336.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Hall".

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