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Docket Nos. 50-498  
and 50-499

Mr. Donald P. Hall  
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Dear Mr. Hall:

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE REVISED INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAMS - SOUTH TEXAS  
PROJECT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M80601 AND M80602)

We have finished our review (with the assistance of our contractor, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory) of revisions to the Inservice Testing (IST) Programs for South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2. Revisions 4 and 5 to the Unit 1 IST program were submitted by letters of January 23, 1990 and September 14, 1990. Revisions 2 and 3 to the Unit 2 program were submitted by letters of January 23, 1990 and December 26, 1990.

No changes to previously approved revised relief requests were submitted for review and valves added to previously approved relief requests did not invalidate the bases for granting relief. Therefore, the relief requests, as revised, are acceptable for implementation.

It was noted during the review that cold shutdown justifications were not included for the accumulator discharge isolation valves and the accumulator vent valves added to the IST Programs. Additionally, a portion of the discussion for test requirement "CS" differs from ASME Code Section XI, paragraphs IWV-3412 (a) and IWV-3522. Therefore, a relief request is required for inclusion of "CS" position into the IST programs. The above information was discussed with members of the HL&P staff during a telephone call on January 14, 1992. At that time we were informed that cold shutdown justifications for the valves in question have been included in recent revisions to the IST programs, and that a relief request concerning the "CS" would be submitted for NRC review and approval.

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This completes our review of Revisions 4 and 5 to the Unit 1 IST program and Revisions 2 and 3 to the Unit 2 IST program.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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